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Extension will open school to 250 more students

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A HISTORIC military school is set for a £25 million make over to increase pupil intake by more than 250 pupils.

The Duke of York's Royal Military School in Dover, which caters for both children of military parents and civilian families since changing its status to academy, will undergo major construction work as well as demolishing several buildings to make way for new facilities, including a two-wing, two storey extension.

BAM Construction is delivering the £25m expansion, which will allow pupil numbers to increase from 468 to 722.

Project director Rod Stiles said: "BAM is pleased to be able to use our extensive experience in the education sector to help this historic and important school upgrade its facilities.

"This scheme will provide cutting edge teaching, living and sporting facilities for students while remaining loyal to its historic roots.

"Most of the suppliers and construction workforce will be from Kent and our training programmes will continue to develop new local construction apprentices."

Executive principal Chris Russell added: "This programme will ensure the Duke of York's Royal Military School will remain a leading state boarding academy for many years to come."



EVERYONE is invited to come and join the Beachwatch clean up – see below for full story.

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CRIME

Fine for buying teens alcohol

A DEAL man has been fined £80 for buying alcohol for underage teenagers.

He was seen on CCTV leaving a newsagents with alcohol which he gave to some teenage girls in The Strand, Walmer, who had previously been seen handing money to the man.

COUNCIL

Have a say on benefit change

RESIDENTS have until Monday to take part in a consultation on major changes to council tax and council tax benefit in the district.

To see the proposals go to bit.ly/NQyB0S, to request a paper copy call 01227 862310, or alternatively visit any council office.

FESTIVAL

Maritime folk festival is back

DEAL Maritime Folk Festival is back this weekend with concerts, workshops and free al fresco performances in and around the town.

For a full programme of the event, which runs from September 14-16, go to bit.ly/pbHY8x

COMMUNITY

Big Beachwatch clean up needs your help to be a success

FAMILIES are being invited to take part in the Beachwatch Big Weekend to clean up Shakespeare Beach.

Last year saw volunteers clear almost 6,000 pieces of litter weighing 154kg from the beach, which is famous for being the launch point for Channel swimmers.

This year's event, run as part of the Marine Conservation Society's Beachwatch Big Weekend on Sunday from 10am-2pm, is being led by the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership with support and funding from Dover Harbour Board.

Officer for White Cliffs Countryside Partnership, Paul Sampson, says he is hoping to give the shingle beach a deep clean, as well as surveying the type of litter that has been washed ashore.

"We're joining hundreds of other surveys taking place over the weekend throughout the country and it will really help us to find out what type of litter is making its way by sea to this part of east Kent," he said,

Environmental manager at the Port of Dover, Vicki Case, added: "The beach clean is a fun event for all the family. There will be trophies for the person who collects the most litter and one for the most unusual piece of litter found.

"There will be a talk about the effects of marine litter and also on the wildlife that calls Shakespeare Beach its home.

"Even if you can only spend an hour helping out – a combined effort will make all the difference."

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PARALYMPICS

Airhead Tina set to star in Paralympics closing event

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AERIAL display expert Tina Carter not only helped choreograph the opening ceremonies of the Olympics and Paralympics, she will now be taking part in Sunday's spectacular Paralympics closing ceremony.

Tina, 43, from Whitstable, said her lips were sealed about what will be happening, but she warned people not to miss it.



She helped put together the previous breath-taking displays and was then delighted at being asked if she wanted to actually take part.

Tina spent months training the performers and has now been spending late nights at the stadium perfecting her part in the closing event.

Tina runs Airhedz, where anyone can learn the art of performing on high wires or pretty much anything in the air.

She said: "I can't spill the beans on exactly what it is I will be doing, I can say that it should be pretty spectacular.

"I was also very lucky to have spent the last four months working with the diverse group of performers who entertained us so spectacularly in the air in the opening ceremony.

"The closing ceremony is going to be theatrically spectacular, and I am so honoured to be asked to actually perform this time. I still don't know what the whole show will look like, but the aerial part is stunning.

"I was one of the core trainers and the aerial choreographer for the big aerial scenes, working for Locog and most directly the aerial consultant Phil Hayes."

Once she has finished amazing the global viewing audience, it will be back down to earth for Tina as she returns to running her classes – well as down to earth as she can be.

She said: "As these big scale performances gradually come to a close, I will be excited to get back to work in Whitstable to run my Airhedz classes, where old and new aerialists can train in some of the skills seen in these big shows.

"I just love being in the air. About 20 years ago, after my degree, I ran away from the circus and started my own company. I am so comfortable in the air, it is just the best feeling."

Her Airhedz sessions start from October 5 at Whitstable Sports Centre and Faversham's QEII Jubilee Centre.



SHOW TIME: Tina Carter in the stadium below character Miranda's wheelchair as it was flight tested for the Paralympics Opening Ceremony. Above, Tina loves to perform in the air

LONDON 2012

Torch honour for fundraisers

A GROUP of charity fundraisers from Medway have revealed their absolute thrill at taking part in the Paralympic Torch Relay.

Bill Parkinson, Jane Loder, Steve Randerson, Nicola Roesch and Sonia Allen all ran with the flame as it made its way to the Olympic Stadium for the opening ceremony last week.

All five of the torchbearers are members of the Rotary Club of Medway Sunlight, and were selected for the relay after its chairman put the group forward for its charity work.

The group was only recently set up, with the majority of its members having become involved after overcoming personal challenges.

Jane Loder, from Rochester, has raised huge sums of money for disability charities and said it was a real honour to carry the torch.

The 57-year-old said: "It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and it was just fabulous.

"There were a number of people who came out to cheer us past despite it being 4am, even the fire station had their lights on and watched."

After taking part in the torch relay in Watford, Jane has attended several Paralympic events, and said the Games have had a wonderful effect on the country.

Speaking from the Aquatics Centre, she added: "We met lots of fantastic people, Paralympians, and even medal winners. We shared the flame over the distance, but we've all got our own torches to keep."



BEARERS: From left, Jane Loder, Nicola Roesch, Sonia Allen, Bill Parkinson, and Steve Randerson

Nicola Roesch was chosen after she found a surgeon for a young boy with cerebral palsy, which saved the child's family from having to raise £50,000 to have an operation carried out.

The Gillingham resident said: "The atmosphere was just amazing, and the fact you could see the flame in the night sky was incredible.

"We were meant to carry the flame at around 2.30am, but it was delayed so we just stayed up all night waiting for the torch to arrive."

The Paralympic torch relay started at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, where the first Games were held in 1948, before making its way to the Olympic Stadium.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kayak rescue warning

A 22-year-old man has been rescued from the sea this week after falling out of his kayak. The man was rescued by Margate's RNLI inshore lifeboat in its second call to a kayak in just 24 hours, after a helicopter lifted a 14-year-old boy to safety when he got stuck in the mud on the River Medway. Peter Barker, of Margate lifeboat, said: "The message is clear – it is vital anyone enjoying the warm spell takes every precaution and respects the dangers the sea can pose."

Did you see hit and run?

POLICE have made a fresh appeal for witnesses to a hit and run incident in North Lane, Canterbury, at 1.45am on July 22. A 22-year-old man was riding his bike when he was struck by a vehicle that failed to stop. He was taken to William Harvey Hospital with serious injuries. Officer say they have made a number of enquiries since the incident and are still seeking witnesses who may have seen the collision or any vehicles driven suspiciously in the area.

Hospital arson charges

A 34-year-old man has been remanded in custody charged with arson attacks at two Kent hospitals.

Thomas Ashcroft, of no fixed address, appeared before Canterbury Magistrates to face charges in relation to incidents at Medway Maritime Hospital and Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

He has been remanded in custody until September 17 when he will appear in court for a preliminary hearing. Ashcroft was charged last Saturday with three counts of arson with intent and three counts of burglary.

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COURT

Conservatory firm fined after pregnant woman is put at risk of 'injury'

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A DOUBLE glazing company that boasts about its safety record on its website has been fined after potentially putting the life of a pregnant mother and her child in danger.

A court was told its workmen built a conservatory over a gas flue, effectively cutting off the escape route of any lethal burnt fuel fumes.

It's the second time Supaglazing has been in court for similar incidents.

Family firm Supaglazing Ltd, of Strood, states on its website: "Safety First. Our factory has been awarded the 'Safety Award' from the British Safety Council for the last 30 years consecutively."

Following a prosecution, the company is considering its own legal position after the Health and Safety Executive made a media statement about the case. Supaglazing's lawyers call the statement "entirely inaccurate". The HSE told this paper is it sticking to its guns.

Supaglazing was prosecuted by HSE for breaching gas safety regulations – the second time the firm has been convicted for such failings, officials said.

Dartford magistrates were told the firm's workers had constructed a conservatory over an existing gas flue for a boiler at a property in Beaver Road, Allington, near Maidstone, meaning there was no escape route for gases and other combustion products.

The homeowners, including a pregnant woman, were living there with a child and unaware of the potential dangers.

A spokesman for the HSE confirmed to this paper it was a potentially lethal mistake.

The incident came to light following a report from a registered Gas Safe engineer who went to the house to give an estimate for relocating a flue for a gas boiler. In a bitter row of words between the company and HSE, the glazing firm claims "the conservatory was a work in progress, albeit ventilated when Supaglazing instructed a gas engineer to visit the site in order to advise re: flue diversion".



DANGER: Health and safety officials have twice prosecuted Supaglazing

The HSE had prosecuted the firm in January, 2009, after it had built over an existing flue at a house in Maidstone.

Supaglazing, which also has branches in Dartford and Sittingbourne, admitted breaching the Gas Safety Regulations between July 2 and October 2, 2010. The firm was fined £14,000 and ordered to pay £2,826 in costs.

After the hearing, HSE Inspector Rob Hassell said: "The family of this house were put at risk because of serious failings with building works. It is foreseeable that a serious personal injury could occur when a gas boiler flue is affected by such work.

"The fact that no serious health affects were suffered as a result of this breach is purely a matter of luck.

"Supaglazing should have learned from their previous conviction in January, 2009, for a very similar offence. Companies that supply and install conservatories should be aware of the Gas Safety Regulations and ensure they comply."

The glazing company issued its own statement from its lawyer Fiona Gill, a partner at DAC Beachcroft, attacking the HSE report on the case.

It said the HSE's statement was "entirely inaccurate".

She added: "Our client considers this press release is inaccurate and misleading and potentially defamatory. We ask that you withdraw the press release from your website with immediate effect.

"We are very disappointed at the contents of this press release and are considering the appropriate way to take this forward, at the very least this will involve making a formal complaint to the HSE."

When contacted by this paper, the HSE confirmed it was happy with a slightly amended report, and a spokesman said: "I know they are concerned about the press release, but we have cleared it with our legal team at this end, and as far as the HSE is concerned this was a fair reflection of the court proceedings. As far as I am concerned, the press release stands until I am told otherwise."

According to Gas Safe, last year saw 50 deaths in the UK from carbon monoxide poisoning, plus 4,000 people were taken to hospital suffering from the effects of the lethal gas.

Symptoms include headache, nausea, dizziness, breathlessness, collapse and loss of consciousness.



THE TEAM: Kevin Murphy, Alan Macleay, Dennis Vick, Mike Jennings, Margot Anderson and Pam Bessell successfully swam the Channel as a team

CHANNEL CROSSING

SWIMMERS PROVE AGE IS NO BARRIER

A CHANNEL swimming team with a combined age of more than 400 have set a new record for being the oldest to cross from Dover to Calais

The relay team of six veterans, called One Foot in the Wave, is made up of four members over 60. Two are aged more than 70. Four also completed solo Channel swims up to 50 years ago.

They are Pam Bessell, 68, team captain, from Strood; Mike Jennings, 74, from Hartley; Margot Anderson, 65, from Dunstable, Bedfordshire; Alan Macleay, 63, from Chigwell, Essex; Dennis Vick, 67, from Erith; and Kevin Murphy, 63, from St Albans, Hertfordshire and also Dover.

Kevin said: "We finished just after 3.30am on Wednesday at Cap Blanc Nez in a time of 17 hours, 18 minutes. We're claiming it as the oldest team ever – records are based on six-person teams but they're a bit sketchy.

"We originally called ourselves Two Strokes and a Heart Attack which is an accurate description of the team, but we thought it might be tempting fate. We want to prove age is no barrier to sporting achievement."

Mike Jennings first swam the Channel in 1962 and Kevin has completed three two-way swims and 28 singles. Margot Anderson and Alan Macleay are also solo Channel swimmers.

Kevin added: "We wanted to do it to prove to ourselves that we still can. From my point of view, I've had a heart attack, a double by-pass and a serious shoulder injury, but I refuse to give in to any of that and I can beat it.

"Our oldest swimmer, Mike Jennings, is 74 and first swam the Channel solo in 1962. Fifty years on he's proved he doesn't have to hang up his trunks – although he has now said: 'Never again'."

A six-strong team is a standard Channel relay with no wetsuits allowed. Each member swims for an hour, they then go through again and again until they get to the other side.

London taxi driver, Dennis Vick, 67, started from Shakespeare Beach, Dover.

All swimmers completeld three one-hour stints except for Mike Jennings, who landed 18 minutes into his third swim.

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ANIMALS

Plea to animal lovers: Don't buy your pet from a cruel puppy farm

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UP to 20 per cent of all dogs sold in Kent could have been raised in horrific puppy farms, claims a new report.

The Kennel Club said ruthless sellers even insist on handing over the pups at motorway service stations and other locations, so the conditions the pups and breeding bitches are kept in are never revealed to buyers.

Tragically, instead of ending up with a loving family pet, these dogs often suffer health and behavioural issues due to the terrible conditions in which they are raised.

Launching Puppy Awareness Week, from September 8-15, the Kennel Club is helping people to find a puppy from a responsible breeder or rescue home and has produced three online films to guide people through the process.

The club said puppy farming is a poorly regulated and often cruel industry where the pets can be bred in dirty, cramped conditions, from overused breeding bitches.

It happens without any regard for the health or wellbeing of the puppy or mother, and is solely driven by money.

The Kennel Club found 18 per cent of people in Kent have bought a puppy from websites or unscrupulous pet shops. These can all be supplied by puppy farms.



SHOCKING: Dogs bred in these horrific puppy farms can suffer health and behavioural issues as a result of their bad start

Responsible breeders should show a pup with its mum and in its breeding environment, so people can see how it is likely to turn out, and the conditions in which the pup was raised.

Shockingly, it is also possible to con pet lovers out of their cash after convincing them to pay in advance, and then simply keep the money without supplying a dog at all. The Kennel Club report found this happens in about three per cent of cases in Kent.

Kennel Club secretary Caroline Kisko said: "A shocking number of people treat buying a puppy the way they would if they were buying a fridge – and have no idea what to ask to ensure they get a healthy, happy puppy – whether pedigree or cross breed. As a result puppy farmers are able trade on selling 'fashionable' cross breeds or pedigree pups with no questions asked."

The fashion for designer cross breeds like the labradoodle also fuels the rogue puppy trade.

Ms Kisko added: "Designer cross breeds are all the rage and too many people want one instantly, with minimum hassle or questions asked. Puppy farmers and scam artists cash in on this.

"We urge puppy buyers to steer clear of any breeder that does not assess your suitability as a dog owner, and doesn't give you every opportunity to vet their suitability as a breeder."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Motorway death crash

AN elderly man has been killed in a pile up on the coastbound M2 on Wednesday. The incident, which involved a Mercedes Actros lorry, a Ford Fiesta and a Nissan Almera, happened between junctions 3 and 4 just before 1pm. The 80-year-old Almera driver, believed to be from Swale, died at the scene, and a woman passenger was rushed to King's College Hospital in London. A 67-year-old woman from Medway who was driving the Fiesta suffered minor injuries.

Suicide prevention bid

NHS Kent and Medway is backing Monday's World Suicide Prevention Day, saying that between 2009-11, there were 130 suicides a year on average in the county. Around three quarters were men, particularly middle-aged men. Research indicates increasing unemployment and recession are linked to an increase in the number of suicides. Anyone feeling despair is encouraged to speak to a friend, their family, their doctor, or Samaritans on 08457 90 90 90.

Baby saved from blaze

A MOTHER and her 10-month-old son were rescued from a house fire on Wednesday after she fell asleep while boiling eggs. Fighfighters managed to wake the sleeping woman before safely leading the pair out of the house blaze. Both were taken to hospital for precautionary health checks. Fire crews were called out to the home in Curtis Road, Willesborough, Ashford, after a neighbour heard a smoke alarm at 8.50pm.

PARLIAMENT

Rising star leading the pack as MPs win jobs in reshuffle

ONE of Kent's newest MPs has started her climb up the ministerial ladder as one of six in the county to be confirmed as ministers in David Cameron's government reshuffle.

Maidstone and the Weald MP Helen Grant was this week appointed joint parliamentary under secretary of state at the Ministry of Justice and for women's and equality issues.

Solicitor Ms Grant, who was elected in 2010 succeeding Ann Widdecombe, was the first black female Tory MP.

She has since become 'one to watch' and is expected to rise up the Government ranks.

Fellow Tory MP Damian Green, who represents Ashford, also had an exciting week after being named as policing minister, taking over from Nick Herbert.

Mr Green, previously immigration minister, said: "I'm delighted. It's in the Home Office and Ministry of Justice covering both the police and criminal justice system.

"It's a hugely important role. It's my job to make sure the police and justice system is efficient and works to stop criminals committing crimes."

He will play a key part in the policing reforms, including the introduction of the Police and Crime Commissioners in November.





PROMOTION: Helen Grant joins the Ministry of Justice, while Damian Green takes over as policing minister

He added: "This is the first time these elections are being held and the first step before campaigns are launched in the coming weeks is to get the word out there and let people know how important they are."

Asked about the challenges faced by Kent Police in recent years and whether he would be able to help ensure a positive future, he said: "I think Kent Police has a very effective force under a good chief constable."

Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark saw his position shift this week with a promotion from planning minister to financial secretary to the Treasury.

And Michael Fallon, MP for Sevenoaks, was given the post of minister of state for business, innovation and skills.

Downing Street said the veteran Tory, who is also deputy chairman of the Conservative party, will act as the voice of business.

Faversham and Mid-Kent MP Hugh Robertson was promoted to minister of state at the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and made a member of the Privy Council. He will have particular responsibility for sport, Olympic legacy, and tourism.

Orpington MP Jo Johnson, brother of the Mayor of London, was made an assistant government whip.



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ANIMALS

Spate of pet cats killed in brutal dog attacks

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A SERIES of sickening attacks on cats by vicious dogs has sparked an urgent plea for owners to keep their animals under control.

Four cats have been mauled to death in three months in the Canterbury area, with the most recent case involving an Alsatian-type dog and a callous owner who threw the body of the dead cat into a bush.

Broadway Veterinary Surgery in Sturry confirmed there had been a number of cases in recent months, including one in Sturry, two in Herne Bay and one in Canterbury.

The devastated owners in the most recent case, who live in Sturry, said they were heartbroken to lose their four-year-old cat in such a horrific way.

The couple asked not to be named for fear of any reprisals from the dog owner, who they believe could be behind the disappearance of a number of other cats in the area.

They explained: "We got a knock on the door from someone asking if we had a small black cat. They explained they had just seen it get attacked by a dog near the adventure playground in the field behind our house.

"When it happened they spoke to the dog owner and said he should contact us – our cat had a collar with our address. But as they walked off, they looked back and saw the dog owner just throw our cat's body in the bushes, which is where we found him.

"He had just been given the all clear after being treated for a tumour. The vets had thought he was going to die.

"When we went to tell them he was dead so not to send us any notifications, they said it was third to have been killed by a dog recently. We're absolutely heartbroken."

When this newspaper called the veterinary surgery, a spokeswoman confirmed there had been four cases in the Canterbury area in recent months, but that there was nothing to say it was the same dog.

The Kent branch of leading animal charity RSPCA urged dog owners to keep their pets under control at all times.

Spokeswoman Klare Kennett said: "Dogs should be kept on leads around cats and most dogs will chase cats.

"Dog owners can face prosecution for allowing their animal to attack a cat."

To report incidents contact the RSPCA at www.rspca.org.uk/home or call the cruelty line on 0300 1234 999.



HEARTBROKEN: The owners of a cat killed in an attack by a dog had only just been told their pet was clear of a potentially fatal tumor

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Festivals caught under a cloud of financial losses



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AFTER a summer of wet and windy weather, it is perhaps ironic that a storm cloud has gathered over one of Kent's biggest outdoor events.

A combination of the economy, the Olympics and dreary forecasts of rain and more rain, sent a lightning bolt through the finances of the Hop Farm Festival that the power of music was unable to heal.

Predictions of financial losses for the company behind the Paddock Wood extravaganza, Music Festivals plc, were swiftly followed by organisers refusing to be drawn on whether it would return in 2013.

For a festival which elevated itself into the pages of almost every national newspaper in 2011 when it snared the enviable double-header of Prince and Morrissey as headliners, the potential of its demise just 12 months later will shock many.

Yet promoter Vince Power admitted to this newspaper that 2011 still made a loss, although nothing, you imagine, to the size of the shortfall the 2012 event – headlined by Bob Dylan, Suede and Peter Gabriel.

And the impact is not just to the pocket of the organisers. According to Mr Power, the Hop Farm crowd ploughed some £20 million into the local economy.

But the Hop Farm Festival has been far from alone in feeling the pinch during a gloomy summer.

Few of the major festivals in the UK sold-out – despite Glastonbury taking a year off – with the clamour for Olympic tickets and fears of sitting in a muddy puddle for a weekend deterring many.



APPEAL: A show by Emeli Sande helped Lounge on the Farm thrive, while the Hop Farm Festival, right, struggled to draw in the crowds

And where once the choice was limited, today no county is without a handful of events to choose from. According to UK Music, the industry trade body, 500 festivals are scattered across our isle, contributing £864m to the economy.

But while the rewards can be substantial, the risks are high too.

Canterbury's Lounge on the Farm had developed an enviable reputation as one of the UK's so-called 'boutique' festivals; packing family appeal with a laid-back atmosphere and low-key acts.

But in 2011 its reputation was hit with police hollering about a rise in crime and reports of drunken teens causing havoc. For 2012 it had not only the climate to tackle, but repairing its reputation too.

The 2012 event – headlined by the likes of Emeli Sande, The Charlatans and The Wombats – saw a return to form, crime was slashed and confidence restored.

But hopes of making money this year were optimistic at the outset.

A spokesman for the event added: "It was no surprise to us that a forecast of losses was to be accepted. Unlike other years where losses had not been anticipated, this was on a projection based on the climate; it could have been worse."

Certainly the weather played a part. When the sunshine comes out, minds turn to summer jaunts and boost ticket sales. Constant downpours do the opposite.

With a capacity of 10,000, just 7,500 passed through its doors over the course of the weekend.

Yet its future is assured courtesy of a solid behind-the-scenes set-up and significant investors.

Back at Paddock Wood, the organisers of the One Love Festival were one of the rare success stories. Rather than appealing to the mass market, it mined a rich seam courtesy of it being the UK's only festival dedicated to reggae.

Forced to move out of its base at the Hainault Forest Country Park, in London due to the Olympics, it set up camp at the Hop Farm.

"We are different to everyone else," explains Dan Wiltshire, managing director of the One Love Festival. "The fact we are dedicated to reggae means we're the only option for many, so we attract people from all over the country."

It drew around 4,000 people and broke even.

It was not without incident, however. Sharing the venue with other events, organisers were told to turn the music down due to a wedding nearby, and were left perplexed when asked to move their campsites just days beforehand.

"We were disappointed by the way we were treated at the Hop Farm. We're looking nearer Brighton next year, but we'd love to come back to Kent if we get the chance."

Two shows by legendary Canadian singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen, scheduled to take place this weekend, September 8 and 9, at the Hop Farm, were called off last month and switched instead to Wembley Arena, despite one of the dates being sold out.

The reasons have been kept secret by promoters – the team behind the Hop Farm Festival – although the smart money would appear to be on it being a result of financial implications.

For those events that do re-appear for next year, the future does at least look a little brighter.

Melvin Benn, managing director of Festival Republic, behind the likes of Latitude and the Reading and Leeds events, said recently: "You can't underestimate the fact that a million Olympic tickets were sold this year, I think at least 10 per cent of those ticket buyers will be heading to festivals again next year."

Let's hope for an upturn in the weather, too.

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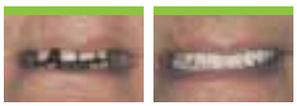
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EDUCATION

Free screenings will show pupils the magic of cinema

By Marijke Cox
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THE world's largest film festival designed exclusively for schoolchildren is touring the county.

Starting on October 15 and running for almost a fortnight, the festival links to the UK curriculum and introduces children to critical thinking and film education.

National Schools Film Week will run at cinemas in Ashford, Greenhithe, Chatham, Rochester, Tunbridge Wells, Maidstone, Ramsgate, Broadstairs, and Canterbury.

Pupils will have the chance to watch films including psychological thriller We Need to Talk About Kevin, based on the 2003 novel by Lionel Shriver; animation Puss in Boots; War Horse, based on the book by Michael Morpurgo; and The Hunger Games, from the bestselling trilogy by Suzanne Collins.

The festival will give schoolchildren in Kent access to a selection of different films, free of charge and with no costs to the school, introducing them to cultural cinema as well as more mainstream viewing.

Case studies taken from schools involved in previous festivals have found the event works on different levels; to provide children with a treat for hard work and to enhance learning in certain areas of the curriculum through critical thinking, such as writing reviews.

Last year, 470,000 students and teachers nationally attended the festival, which is in its 17th year. This year, organisers of National Schools Film Week said there will be 2,500 screenings at 570 cinemas across the UK.

These include Ashford Cineworld, Canterbury Odeon, Bluewater Showcase, Chatham Odeon, Rochester Cineworld, Maidstone Odeon, Tunbridge Wells Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells Odeon, Ramsgate Granville, and Thanet Vue.

Festival director Nick Walker said: "The festival seeks to create a greater awareness and understanding of cinema based on the concept of relationships and dialogues in a variety of films, address issues of cultural exchange and raise awareness among teaching professionals of the use of film across the school curriculum.

"This is achieved by in-cinema talks and online resources, which give teachers the tools to encourage students to explore and understand new cinematic worlds."



The festival runs daily from October 15-26.

A spokeswoman for National Schools Film Week said it would help expose children to the "rich social, cultural and enjoying experience of viewing films in cinema".

She added: "It makes learning relevant and fun, encourages pupils to support local cinemas and genuine content, and fosters mutually beneficial relations between cinema operators and schools."

Go to www.nationalschoolsfilmweek.org/ for more information.

BIG PICTURE: Smash cinema hit The Hunger Games starring Jennifer Lawrence, based on a best-selling children's book, is one of the films set to be shown for free for school pupils

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HORTICULTURE

Kent Life to name its Garden of the Year winners at tea party

THE awards for the third Kent Life Garden of the Year, and Primary School Garden of the Year, will be presented at Hadlow College Design Studio during a high-tea ceremony next week.

From a strong field, just eight gardens have been selected as finalists, and on Thursday, September 13, the entrants from all over Kent will learn who the two overall winners are in each category.

The gardens were judged by a prestigious panel that included award-winning garden designer Roger Platts; Amanda Cottrell, OBE, chairman of Visit Kent; Sarah Morgan, also a garden designer and head of faculty landscape, horticulture and design at Hadlow College; Leigh Clapp, Kent Life's garden editor; and the magazine's own editor, Sarah Sturt.

Prizes, courtesy of sponsor Ruxley Manor Garden Centre in Sidcup, include beautiful engraved benches for the winners, plus garden vouchers and personalised certificates for each of the finalists.

The two winners will feature in the October edition of Kent Life, on sale from September 19, with pictures from the awards ceremony appearing in the November edition.

The current edition of Kent Life is on sale now and has three picture-led pages devoted to the eight finalists.

The finalists for Kent Best Amateur Garden are Knowle Hill Farm, Ulcombe, owned by Elizabeth Cairns; The Drive, Sevenoaks, owned by Victoria and Richard Baxter; Raymer Road, Maidstone, owned by Barbara Badham; Rose Farm Studio, Pluckley, owned by Mel and Lizzie Smith; and also Pheasant Barn, Oare, owned by Sue Vaight.

The finalists for Kent's Best Primary School Garden are Christ Church Juniors, Ramsgate; Hook Lane Primary, Welling; and Hunton CEP School, Hunton.







WELL DONE: Christ Church Juniors in Ramsgate and, right, Rose Farm in Pluckley are finalists in the Kent Life competition

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VOW: Cllr Paul Carter is determined to maintain the tax freeze

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

County Hall to tackle £240m funding gap in next three years

By Marijke Cox
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COUNTY Hall could see further job losses and cuts to services as finance chiefs tackle a spending gap of up to £240 million over the next three years.

The staggering figure was announced at a budget meeting on Thursday, where Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter vowed to freeze council tax for a third year, amid enormous pressure from government cuts and a rising demand for services.

Over the next three years, the authority will attempt to bridge the spending gap, which amounts to £60m-£80m each year. This could involve more job losses saving an estimated £2.1m; cuts to children's centres; increases to the amount people pay for adult social care; and cuts to Special Education Needs school transport.

These are among a list of solutions being put out to public consultation. Kent residents are being asked to comment on the cost-cutting plans over the next eight weeks.

KCC has vowed to protect frontline services and stressed that vulnerable people, the young, and boosting the Kent economy, were at the heart of its priorities for 2013-14.

The council has already lost hundreds from its workforce over the last three years as part of a sweeping jobs cull affecting some 1,500 posts in a bid to fill the hole in its finances, caused by a 24 per cent reduction in government grants amounting to nearly £280m.

Cllr Carter said despite the funding gap, he wanted to freeze council tax for a third year.

He said: "It is pointless to pretend the money will keep rolling in from taxpayers to see the same old services in the same old way, it won't.

"People are working differently or using new technology to make things easier.

"Councils must do that too, and I'm proud Kent is leading the way. Every penny we save is a penny that remains in the pockets of the people of Kent."

He said it was not about "bowing to political pressure" to leave services unchanged and spend more, but to use innovative thinking to find new ways to protect services and keep bills low.

"Demand for services is growing, with more people needing social care and as our population grows there is a greater demand for services and infrastructure.

"So we have the dilemma of responding to increasing demand while at the same time coping with less resources – and we must do all we can to avoid increasing council tax."

Cllr Carter admitted tough decisions needed to be taken.

"All councils are facing unprecedented cuts to their funding as the Government tackles the national deficit, and that isn't going to change in coming years," he said. "If we did nothing to tackle our spending, in four years' time KCC would require a 42 per cent tax rise to keep services running."

He stressed that among its list of priorities, KCC continues to focus on ensuring schools are supported, that employment is a priority with the expansion of its apprenticeship and business grants scheme, that vulnerable people could continue to access help, and that the popular Kent Freedom Pass would continue.

Cllr Carter insisted cost-saving proposals in the budget would defy pressure on the council to cut and cut again by transforming services.

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PET RESCUE

Exotic animals rescued from the streets

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RESCUED: This week two terrapins were found on the streets in Ashford. Right, if he had to choose then Matt Lacey's favourite animal would be the bosc monitor

FOR most people, opening the front door to find a 17ft Burmese python or 80 giant African snails would be quite a shock.

But for Matt Lacey, who runs South East Exotic Pet Rescue (SEEPR), it is all part of the job.

The volunteer-led organisation rescues exotic pets and rehomes them, as well as trying to educate the public on their care.

Mr Lacey and his partner Katherine Ludkins run the centre from their home in Ashford and receive up to 20 rescue calls a day.

The couple have rehomed everything from huge snakes and iguanas, to lizards and tarantulas.

Just this week they found two terrapins on the streets of Ashford.

For Mr Lacey, the fascination with exotic pets started at 15 when he got his first reptile. Soon people were giving him pets to look after.

Now, aged 32, he manages 10 volunteers and has a wider network of 700 Facebook friends who help with the logistics of running the operation, such as picking up animals in need.

Some of the more memorable rescues for Mr Lacey include a 7ft boa constrictor found yards from a children's playground in Maidstone; going to pick up a grass snake from a garden only to be confronted with a 4ft royal python; and taking in a 6ft Nile monitor lizard from someone who thought it would only reach 6cm.

Mr Lacey said: "You never know what's coming. We were once told we were rescuing three 8ft Burmese pythons, only to discover two of them were 17ft and one was 14ft."

Once a pet is rescued it is put in quarantine for a month and vet checked for any health problems.

There is then a waiting list of potential new owners and Mr Lacey will visit them at home to check they will be able to cope.

The process of rehoming is strict to ensure only the right people are given the pets. Reptiles need to be kept in precise temperature conditions or they can be at risk of infection, they also need to be fed the right food.

Mr Lacey said he doesn't feed his snakes live food as he doesn't agree with it. Instead, he warms dead rats and rabbits and waves them around to make the snakes think they are alive.

He said: "We just want people to make sure they know what they are doing. You wouldn't feed a cat crickets or salad would you?"

Some of the conditions Mr Lacey has rescued pets from have been horrific.

At one home he found iguanas shut in a cardboard box and a snake with its mouth rotting as it had been kept in cold temperatures.

Mr Lacey said: "He is now in brilliant health, we thought we would have to euthanise him.

"It is so rewarding to see animals be rehomed that didn't have much hope."

Mr Lacey is keen to make sure people research the reptiles before they buy them and says nine out of 10 rescues are from people who bought pets from Facebook or the website Preloved.

Suprisingly, despite looking after so many animals, Mr Lacey doesn't have any of his own.

He said: "I wish we could have them but we have shied away from keeping them. So many need help, I would rather help them.

"If I had to say, bosc monitors are my favourite. They grow to about 5-6ft and you can walk them on a lead. They are really amazing."





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ENTERTAINMENT: There's sure to be something to amuse all the family when the 12th annual Will Adams Festival gets under way

ENTERTAINMENT

Party in the park for our very own samurai

By Marijke Cox
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THOUSANDS look set to descend on Gillingham Park next weekend to celebrate the life and times of Medway's famous seafaring son, Will Adams.

Now in its 12th year, the popular event will see thundering Taiko drums, falcons, and colourful kimonos fill the park on Saturday, September 15, as the story of the Gillingham-born samurai is played out.

Adams is said to be the first Englishman to travel to Japan after his ship arrived on the shores of the Far East in 1600.

After being imprisoned and interrogated at Osaka Castle, Adams, then aged 36, impressed future shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu and was eventually made a foreign samurai, the only one ever to exist.

Every year, the Medway community join together to celebrate their historical seafaring hero, who was born on September 24, 1564.





This year at Gillingham Park there will be themed zones focusing on both the Tudor England Adams grew up in, and the Japanese life he encountered.

Among the attractions will be manga art, samurai helmets, a Tudor jolly boat, Tudor cooking, martial arts displays, re-enactments depicting crime and punishment in Tudor times, uchiwa fan making, origami paper magic, and a display about Sir Francis Drake, for whom Adams served in the Royal Navy.

Stalls selling refreshments including Japanese food, and traditional English dishes will be available too.

Thousands of people attend the event every year, and organisers are expecting big crowds for next weekend's celebrations.

Cabinet member for community services at Medway Council, Cllr Howard Doe, said: "The Will Adams Festival marks Medway's many important connections with Japan and attracts thousands of visitors every year.

"Even if you haven't been before I really urge you to come along; it's fascinating, fun and free to enter – and it's perfect for families as there's something to keep children of all ages entertained."

The Will Adams Festival runs from 11am-4.30pm. See www.whatsonmedway.co.uk to find out more.



HISTORIC: Gillingham-born Will Adams (above) lived in Japan in the 1600s and was a samurai

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ENTERTAINMENT

Actors make sure music festival will be really swinging

By Marijke Cox
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THE popular Maritime Jazz Festival is back, and this time it's all about the stars of the big and small screen.

Returning for a third year, the musical event, which takes place across Chatham and Rochester, promises performances from an array of artists who have featured in TV and cinema.

Guests can enjoy a big band with a Michael Bublé-style programme of swing in addition to Latin, Brazilian, funky and easy listening music from a host of performers.

Kicking off proceedings on Wednesday, September 19, will be BBC Wales presenter and award-winning vocalist Tina May at Simply Italian on Rochester High Street. She will be joined by French pianist James Hayes, BBC-signed bass player Neil Francis and renowned percussionist Roan Kearsey-Lawson.

On Friday, September 21, inside the surroundings of Dickens World, actor and musician Dorian Ford, star of Judi Dench film Mrs Henderson Presents, will perform.

Noted for his lyrical style of playing, he will be joined by Matt Gough on trumpet and Kearsey-Lawson on vibes, Chris Nickolls on drums as well as a host of other celebrated musicians.





INTERNATIONAL: Left, Italian saxophonist Tommaso Starace and, above, Shane Hampsheir will both be performing during the festival

Italian alto saxophonist Tommaso Starace – who has just released his latest album under Universal Records – and his quartet will carry on the music, followed by a performance from fellow Universal Records artist Shane Hampsheir.

The fully loaded programme continues on the Saturday at the Britannia Theatre at Dickens World. Compered by BBC presenter Rob Smith, it will include a funky set from New Orleans Street Band Blew Tubes featuring Ray Butcher, who is becoming a familiar face on Channel 4, and jump jive saxophonist Tracey Mendham.

Guests will then be treated to a mix of Latin, Brazilian and swing music. The evening will close with the festival big band playing the sounds of Frank Sinatra.

As a final fanfare to the 2012 Maritime Jazz Festival a fully loaded roast lunch will be available at the Roffen Club in Rochester on the Sunday with a healthy side order of British Jazz icon Tommy Whittle and vocalist Barbara Jay. Tickets for performances start from £15.

The festival is being held in Chatham and Rochester, with every venue within sight or walking distance of Medway's maritime and river areas, each offering extensive menus, bars, waitress service and performances to rival other UK music festivals.

Go to www.maritimejazzfestival.co.uk for more information or to book tickets.





TUNE IN: The Maritime Jazz Festival opens with Tina May, left, singing at a venue on Rochester High Street. It then closes with a fanfare show that includes a performance by British jazz icon Tommy Whittle



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News

RELIGION

Church is blessing pets, but don't bring a snake

By Dean Kilpatrick
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A PRIEST is inviting people to have their pets blessed at a special ceremony – as long as your companion isn't a snake.

St Nicholas Church in Thanet is holding a service to celebrate the work of animal-loving Saint Francis of Assisi, but the parish priest has told those planning to go not to bring their serpent sidekick.

Canon James Rosenthal, who has held similar services in Chicago and London, said: "Because of the Biblical context, I don't think I could bless a snake. I think they might react to the holy water."

In the Bible, it is a serpent that tempts Eve to eat from the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden.

The religious leader is hoping for a diverse range of animals at the ceremony – including horses, dogs, pigs, "even the cockerel that wakes me up every morning".



BLESSING: Canon James Rosenthal welcome all animals, except snakes and rodents

It is customary for Anglican and Catholic churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on St Francis's feast day.

But when asked if someone brought a snake to the service, he said he would "probably break down".

He added: "For a blessing, most people like to touch the animal or person, but I would probably refrain from doing so.

"I would probably give a special blessing to the owner because if you have a snake, you need all the help you can get."

The event is being held to mark the work of the patron saint of animals and the environment, Francis of Assisi, and also to open up the church to younger generations.

Mr Rosenthal added: "It's to show young people that we really care about the creation."

The priest added he had a fear of rodents, but he didn't class them as animals, and also advised people not to bring wild animals such as alligators.

Mr Rosenthal has promised to be colourfully dressed for the occasion, and said it was important to appreciate animals for the "joy they bring their owners, which is sometimes more than humans".

Having held services in the capital, he believes holding the ceremony in St Nicholas will provide an interesting range of animals, adding: "With this particular setting in the countryside, I have a feeling it will be the most unique."

The service will be held in St Nicholas-at-Wade on Sunday, October 7, at 9am.

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News

PROMOTIONAL STUNT

Daredevils dive from sea forts to kick off contest

By Chris Murphy
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A DARING dive from a former wartime sea fortress off the Whitstable coast was the spectacular launch for a major competition.

In advance of the Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series in Wales, British divers Gary Hunt and Blake Aldridge launched themselves from the Maunsell Forts. These landmarks are 10 miles out to sea in the Thames Estuary and were built during World War Two to help defend the UK.

After decommissioning in the 50s, they occupied by pirate radio DJs including Radio Caroline in the mid-1960s until they were closed in 1967, standing unused – until now.

Reigning world champion Hunt and Londoner Aldridge risked their lives on Monday in the massive fortress dive 21 metres into the icy waters.

There were huge safety concerns before the dive, with worries about the weather and the amount of rusty metal surrounding the fortresses.



DANGEROUS: The divers risked their lives taking on the stunt

In competition, the Red Bull World Series Divers plunge 28 meters, performing spectacular dives from perilous platforms at breathtaking locations around the world.

Aldridge is now looking forward to this weekend's Wales contest and plans to do one of the world's hardest dives; a back arm stand, back 2.5 somersault with four twists.

He said: "This will be the first time the Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series has come to the UK. Competing in front of a home crowd is going to be very special and, of course, I'll be doing my new dive, which is the world's hardest dive as well.

"I'm hoping the leg injury I sustained in France will have improved enough for me to get on to the podium for the first time this year."

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KENT **REMEMBERED**



MODERN INCARNATION: Matt Smith's predecessors as Doctor Who were often spotted filming in Kent

Doctor Who journeys across galaxies to make regular visits to county

By Nick Ames
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THROUGHOUT its 50-year history, Doctor Who has made frequent use of locations across Kent for filming.

While the current Doctor Matt Smith has yet to be spotted on set in the county, the show was famous during its early years for every alien planet bearing a marked resemblance to a quarry.

And the first such landscape where shooting took place was John's Hole, close to Gravesend. It featured in the William Hartnell story The Dalek Invasion of Earth, broadcast in 1964 – and the location was meant to be nothing more exotic than a mine in Bedfordshire where the pepperpot shaped invaders were attempting to tunnel to the Earth's core.

Olley Sand Pit, near Trottiscliffe, doubled up as an unknown world where the Tardis materialised in the Patrick Troughton story The Dominators, while Chislehurst Caves were home to the Mutants.

The John Pertwee incarnation of the Doctor was a frequent visitor to Kent. In The Mind of Evil he fought arch nemesis The Master at Manston Airport and inside Dover Castle – which was used as the fictional Stangmore Prison.

And with assistant Jo Grant (Katy Manning) and soldiers from 70s show era stalwarts UNIT (United Nations Intelligence Taskforce), he was a frequent visitor to Romney Marsh for The Claws of Axos which also featured Dungeness Nuclear Power Station and Shorncliffe Barracks.

The show concerned an alien spacecraft which crash-landed on Earth and its crew promising the human race untold technological advances, before their true malevolent nature was revealed.

Originally appearing as golden humanoids, their appearance changed to tentacled monsters as the series progressed and their intentions became clearer.

Filming began on January 4, 1971, at Dengemarsh Road in Lydd for some roadside scenes. More of these – as well as crashed spacecraft – were recorded on the following two days at Dungeness Road.

Yet more road sequences, most including a fight between UNIT soldiers lead by Captain Mike Yates (Richard Franklin) and Sergeant Benton (John Levene) and the Axons, were filmed on January 7 at St Martin's Plain Camp in Shorncliffe.

The following day took cast and crew to the Dungeness 'A' Nuclear Power Station, which served as the Nuton Power Complex for the climax, where the Doctor and UNIT commander Brigadier Alistair Lethbridge-Stewart (Nicholas Courtney) faced down the invaders.

Quite usually for the marsh, the weather proved highly variable throughout the five-day shoot. It was snowing at the start of the week, then it became foggy and finally the sun came out on the final day and to explain the inconsistency, scriptwriter Terrence Dicks improvised a line of dialogue to a character named Corporal Bell.

It noted that the Axon's arrival had prompted "freak weather conditions".

A couple of months later Pertwee's doctor boarded the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel Robert Dundas at Chatham for a series of shows entitled Carnival of Monsters.

The ship, which was soon to be decommissioned, posed as the SS Bernice which was promptly attacked by a giant sea serpent.

Production was interrupted when it was discovered an old brass ship's compass had been stolen.

The culprit turned out to be Pertwee himself, who mistakenly believed the compass was to be scrapped along with the ship and so was no longer of any value – in fact, it was to be auctioned off along with other nautical artifacts.

And – in possibly the most famous Kentish Doctor Who connection – one of the most popular doctors of all lived in Boughton Malherbe, near Maidstone, from 1986 until 2003, when he moved to France. Long scarf wearing Tom Baker was resident of The Bell House and a popular member of the village community.

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OPINION

Fly away from the mad ideas

Mark Reckless considers some of the possible alternatives to the controversial estuary airport and Heathrow third runway proposals

THE Mayor of London calls a third runway at Heathrow "simply mad" but the only truly mad option in this debate is the mayor's own pie in the sky proposal for a Thames Estuary airport.

By pushing that as his alternative to Heathrow expansion, Boris played into the hands of the vested interests of BA and BAA and a richly resourced lobbying campaign for Heathrow expansion.

I am delighted we have held off the prospect of consultation on options including an estuary airport yet excluding Heathrow. I warned the Prime Minister such a consultation could be overturned by the courts, as I helped overturn the Labour government's 2003 consultation including Cliffe airport yet excluding Gatwick.

Justine Greening as transport secretary was understandably concerned to protect her constituents in Putney under the Heathrow flightpath, but the new transport team can fairly assess all the options.

The reality is that adding a runway to an airport such as Heathrow, with existing infrastructure, will always be incomparably easier, faster and cheaper than building a new airport, and it is ridiculous for Boris to suggest otherwise.

Indeed, the 'research' which he commissioned concluding that a new airport in the Thames Estuary would take only two years longer to build than a third runway at Heathrow, was so manifestly absurd it was not taken seriously.

Foster and Partners' claim a new airport could be built in the estuary for £23 billion is similarly incredible, even before you consider they want airlines using Heathrow to pay for it, and that infrastructure is on top, and they want taxpayers to pay for that.

If the Mayor of London is serious about stopping Heathrow expansion, he needs to get back in the debate, drop his pie in the sky estuary airport proposals and look at other serious options for increasing aviation capacity for the South East, such as:

■ Birmingham could take 25 million more passengers, even without a second runway for which they are safeguarding land. Their existing runway is being extended to take the largest fully-laden jets and allow a large range of services to Asia and the Americas.

The airport is in the middle of the motorway network and easily reached from Kent on HS1 and then via Euston. When HS2 is built, Birmingham Airport will be just over half an hour from Heathrow, 40 minutes from Euston and 57 minutes from Ebbsfleet.

■ Stansted could take 17m more passengers (it took six million more than now in 2007) but is held back by poor transport links.

For £3bn-4bn (rather than £50bn-80bn for an estuary airport) we could build a Crossrail spur from Stratford to Stansted allowing transfer from the airport to the City in 23 minutes, and to the West End or Ebbsfleet in half an hour.

■ Gatwick has a real window of opportunity to come off the fence and push for a second runway, which their planning agreement could allow from 2019. It could then be set free from price controls to compete with Heathrow and build its business following recent success in attracting Asian airlines. We should also improve train links from Kent as well as London to Gatwick as the best option for supporting Kent travellers and our local economy.



The mad option in this debate is the mayor's proposal for a Thames estuary airport

■ Mark Reckless is the Conservative MP for Rochester and Strood

KOS COMMENT

It's been a pleasure to host the Paralympics

WHAT an honour it has been to play such a major role in the Paralympic Games.

From hosting road cycle races at Brands Hatch to residents taking part in the opening and closing ceremonies, the county has been proudly represented.

And with Kent athletes bagging a number of medals at the Games, it's fair to say we've played our role in the greatest show on earth, part two.

Inspiring stories have captivated the public, and the sell-out crowds at Brands Hatch have shown how much Kent has embraced the Paralympic movement.

What a terrific week it has been. We can all pat ourselves on the back for our efforts in making London 2012 the best Games ever.

Hope hits turbulence

AT first the cabinet reshuffle gave us hope the contentious plans to build an estuary airport would be scrapped.

But now it seems we could be waiting for up to five years until a final decision is reached.

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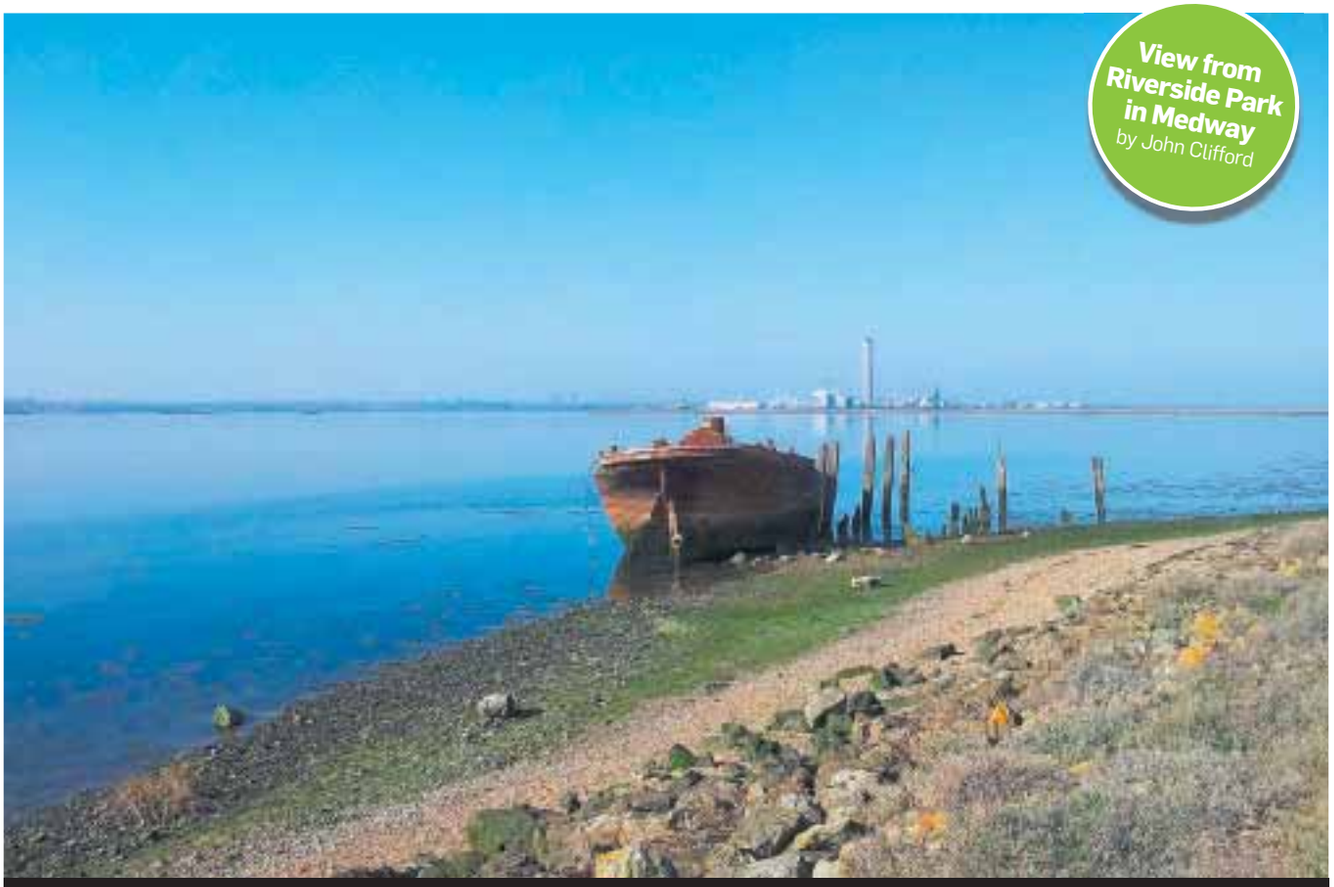
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Manston idea is just foolish

I AM forever reading about Maston airport, nobody mentions that the approach landing area also goes over Beltinge, close to Herne Bay,

Sometimes we can see the landing gear it's that close.

I read recently that Maston has three sides over the sea, I suggest they get their facts right. These planes land from either west or east and this takes them either over Ramsgate or Beltinge.

On occassions some of these planes have been very low, as I believe they do training exercises from this airport, you can smell the fumes for hours.

We have fought long and hard for no night flights, but this does not stop them coming in after midnight.

As for Roger Gale MP, he needs to butt out. Manston will never be a successful airport. It's in the wrong place, not one of the operators have made profits to sustain this airport. Stop being foolish.

Shirley Davis
Beltinge, Herne Bay

Airport is good for the county

YOUR heading "Get your facts right, Sir" is a little misleading. In his letter of September 2, Cllr Green does not dispute the facts of my article supporting Manston (August 26). He simply claims I have ignored "brutal economic facts".

Let us then look at these "facts". As he says, two airline operators have run passenger flights from Manston. EU Jet had no problems there, any more than from other airports. Unfortunately, they tried to expand too quickly, the banks called in their loans, and they were forced into liquidation. That had nothing to do with using Manston: it is a "brutal economic fact" that an insolvent company goes bust.

Flybe was different. They announced flights which left in the middle of day – a cheaper time, but unpopular with passengers. They then did little to publicise their flights, assuming that one article in March will stay fresh in people's minds in September. That was not the case, so they discontinued the service. The reason was timing and marketing, and nothing to do with the catchment area.

A catchment area is important. Some airports are surrounded by large populations. But the catchment area for an airport comprises all those for whom it is their nearest airport to fly abroad. In Kent, its entire population has to travel to the other side of London to catch a plane. There can be no doubt that all of central and east Kent would prefer to use Manston, if it had international flights. It's within an hour's drive, compared with a minimum two hours on the dreaded M25 for 'Heathwick'. So the catchment area for Manston is not Thanet: it is most of Kent.

Cllr Green says that, rather than promoting the airport, there is a "far more secure prospect of jobs from the visitor economy". Is he really telling us that a thriving airport, bringing in hundreds of passengers a day, and five minutes' from the famous seaside town of Ramsgate, will not bring one new visitor to the area, and that Ramsgate is better off by having no airport within 100 miles?

They've learnt about "brutal economic facts" in Southend, where the airport is thriving, and no locals would dream of trying to put restrictions on their own airport.

Nicholas Reed, Chairman,
Why Not Manston?

Tell us if you have no TV

ONE of your readers, Miss V Hemsley Flint (Letters, August 26) wrote to say that she was contacted by TV Licensing on a number of occasions despite there never having been a TV at her property.

TV Licensing has a database of more than 30 million addresses so if customers don't need a licence we'd ask they get in touch to let us know. This helps keep our database up-to-date and means genuine non-viewers won't receive unnecessary letters. We want to make it as easy as possible for people to notify us when they don't require a licence, which can be done online at www.tvlicensing.co.uk.

If a customer declares they no longer need a licence, an enquiry officer may visit the property to double check because although the majority of claims received are genuine, one in eight of the people we make contact with when we visit them do in fact need one. Once we've confirmed no licence is needed, the home-owner or occupier won't be contacted for two years.

Victoria Sykes, TV Licensing

Speed limits need to change

IT is incorrect of correspondent Peter Jull (Letters Spetmber 2) to suggest I am unaware of the general 60mph speed limit on country roads and it is apparent that he has misread my letter, because I was careful to say the 50mph speed limit had been extended along that stretch of road between East Farleigh and Yalding, since I had used it previously.

The fact it is a reduction on the general speed limit is irrelevant; it is still too fast for much of its length and even if a case could be made for along the straight stretch (which I believe would be safer at 40mph) it should not begin where it does, in the village.

His statement that "...speed limits can make good drivers illegal drivers" is incredible. Drivers choosing to ignore speed limits because they think they're "artificially low" (his words) are not good drivers becoming illegal drivers. They are 'illegal drivers' full stop.

As for his suggestion speed limits be left alone; I couldn't disagree more: the speed limit on motorways should be raised, but more importantly there are many cases where the limit should be lower.

For example: The road through Boxley to Bredhurst, there is a very sensible speed reduction of 20mph through the village, along with other traffic calming measures, but after driving around the last bend going out of the village drivers are then confronted with national speed limit signs, indicating that a speed of 60mph is permissible.

They're displayed just before the sharp bend on an upward gradient that would be almost suicidal to attempt to negotiate at anything near that speed. That road should have at most a 40mph limit on it, but presumably Mr Jull would argue that if there is no statistical evidence to support it, the limit should be left as it is.

How many collisions would there have to be? How many injuries or deaths before he would be convinced that the limit should be reduced? Far better surely not to wait for such occurrences, but introduce a sensible speed limit commensurate with the character of the road.

Christopher Hudson-Gool,
Maidstone

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Should I look at a bond instead of an annuity?

Q I am 66 years old and soon to be divorced. My solicitor put me in touch with a financial adviser who found the best annuity for me when I share my husband's pension fund. However, a friend says I should look at bonds and not annuities.

A Your friend has probably read that annuity rates are currently poor, thanks largely to the government's quantitative-easing policy of printing more and more money. This keeps interest and annuity rates artificially low.

However, while I do not have details of your husband's pension plan, I can say that it is unlikely you will have any choice apart from an annuity.

The basic rule with pension plans is that if they are anything more than trivial in size, they must be used to provide a pension. You cannot just invest the money elsewhere. You can, though, try to delay buying an annuity in the hope rates rise.

Q I invested £9,000 with Royal Bank of Scotland in 1997. I wrote to the bank but have had no reply yet. Could you possibly trace my investment?

A The statement you sent me shows that you had £9,000 in a Tessa – the forerunner of the tax-free individual savings accounts (Isas). If you did not close the account, I wonder why you have received no statements since 1997.

Confidentiality rules mean the bank cannot talk to me about your money, but if you have received no response soon, contact the bank and set a deadline, after which you can complain to the Financial Ombudsman (0800 023 4567).

Q I have received a letter that says I may be due a council tax refund. Is this a scam? If not, is it worthwhile completing the application form?

A The letter you received from Manchester-based Randall & Vickers says: "Your property is currently in Band C with a council tax bill for this year of around £1,290."

However, the letter explains that at least one of your neighbours has been moved into the cheaper Band B, and if you could do the same, it might save you £161 a year, backdated.

Now for the snag. If you do ask Randall & Vickers to contact the council on your behalf, the firm will charge a whopping 30 per cent of any refund.

TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC



And the fact is that you could easily file a claim yourself. A stroll down the road will let you spot houses most like your own, and if you find one in Band B, then it is worth asking the council why yours is in Band C.

How do you know which house is in which band? Go to the government website at www.voa.gov.uk and click on "Check your Council Tax Band".

Enter your postcode and you will get a list of all the addresses nearest yours, complete with their bands. If yours is in the wrong band, it should stand out like a sore thumb.

Q I lost my British Aerospace share certificate during a house move, and I have been told by my financial adviser that it will cost about £70 to replace it. This seems very expensive.

A The £70 is not just the cost of the paperwork. When a share certificate goes missing, typically the most expensive part of the replacement process is paying for indemnity insurance. This covers the company against any legal costs if the original certificate should ever turn up and be misused, or if there is a dispute over it.

Q Because savings interest is so low, we thought we might go for an offset mortgage when our current home loan ends in October. However, First Direct will lend only up to 65 per cent of the property value. Do you know any lenders who offer more?

A Offset mortgages are a neat idea, with your interest payments reduced if you have savings deposited with the same lender. Norwich and Peterborough Building Society (0845 868 9695) will advance up to 75 per cent, while the smaller Market Harborough Building Society (01858 412250) will consider lending as much as 80 per cent.

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Learn mobile charges or pay the price abroad

Packing your mobile phone for holiday is as automatic as packing your suntan lotion. But make sure you don't get burnt by high charges, says **ADAM AIKEN**

NEW rules are giving holidaymakers in the EU greater protection from sky-high mobile-phone bills.

Although the over-use of a mobile while abroad can still result in a big bill, the rates that providers are allowed to charge has been capped.

But industry experts are still warning travellers to make sure they know what they will be charged for, and people who are heading further afield are being reminded the price caps do not apply to them.

Unless you have been told otherwise, roaming – the use of your mobile phone abroad – is not included in contract packages.

"UK mobile users travelling to the EU can take peace of mind from the rules and regulations put in place to limit their exposure to bill shocks while they enjoy their holidays," said Kate Murphy, a mobile phone expert with MoneySupermarket.com.

"Unfortunately, there is no such limitation for using your mobile, smartphone or tablet for calling, texting or downloading data when you go beyond the EU.

"Once you go further afield, charges vary from network to network and country to country, so you really need to understand the costs you could face for using your phone when you're outside of the legislated EU and take the necessary precautions to limit the bill you may rack up when on holiday.

"It really is vital to know what the different charges for using your mobile, smartphone or tablet are."

Ms Murphy suggested contacting your network to see if there were any options for a better deal in the country you're heading to.

Dominic Baliszewski, a telecoms expert at Broadbandchoices.co.uk, echoed Ms Murphy's warnings.

"The EU's ruling on roaming charges means that, from July, mobile-phone customers have been paying considerably less for using their handsets while abroad," he said.

"Data services are capped at 58p per MB, phone calls at 24p a minute and texts are just 7p each. But while the EU caps will go some way to mitigate 'bill shock', the charges can still rack up."

Mr Baliszewski said 50MB of data within the EU could set you back £10 with T-Mobile, while O2 charges its pay-monthly customers £1.99 for a day's worth of data (up to 25MB).

Outside the EU, charges are much higher – £30 for 50MB in some cases, he said. "It is important to remember that the caps apply only when travelling to countries within the EU. Once you step outside the EU, charges can skyrocket," he added.

"It is vital customers check their providers' websites before they fly, no matter where they are going, so they know what they will be charged."

Mr Baliszewski said travellers worried about coming home to a nasty bill can protect themselves by turning off their mobile phone's data roaming settings while they are abroad, or by making use of free wi-fi services at hotels and coffee shops.

"Alternatively, a traveller can buy a local Sim card that can be adapted to fit a smartphone," he said.

Richard Lloyd, executive director at consumer organisation Which?, said that while mobile users could take precautions, telecoms operators could also do more to help.

"Using your mobile overseas can be hugely expensive but there are things consumers can do to keep costs down, like using wi-fi where available and turning off data-roaming," he said.

"But we also want to see phone companies doing everything they can to make consumers aware of exactly how much data they're using and the costs."

TOP TIPS



Receiving calls while abroad
You will have to pay to receive calls when overseas. But it's free to receive texts in the EU, so if people want to get in touch with you, ask them to send a text.

Do you need voicemail?
You will probably be charged for picking up your voicemail when abroad. To avoid these charges, you could turn your voicemail service off (you might need to ask your provider to do this for you), or instead change your greeting asking the caller to text you instead.

Outside the EU
Be careful when you travel further afield – and remember, in particular, that the popular destination of Turkey is not within the EU. The cost of mobile phone usage rises significantly outside the EU, and can vary greatly from country to country.

Know your charges
Make sure you understand exactly what you will be charged for – and how much. For example, sending a picture message (with a photo and up to 1,024 characters) on some networks is cheaper than sending a standard text message (which allows only 160 characters).

Consider a local Sim card
If you go to the same destination regularly, or if you want to send texts locally, you could buy a local Sim card. It will still cost a lot to call home, but you will save on local calls and texts while you are there.

Turn off your apps
Many smartphone applications update automatically. This means your device can still be receiving data if it is turned on, even if you are not actively using it. Apps such as Twitter and Facebook can be constantly searching for updates, and this can prove expensive.

Take advantage of wi-fi
A lot of hotels, bars and cafés offer free wi-fi, allowing you to surf the internet for free. Even if you have to buy a coffee or a beer while you are using the wi-fi, it could prove cheaper than using your own data allowance.

When you get home
Check your bill at the end of your holiday, and question anything you do not understand. It is always worth querying an unexpected charge from your phone provider, as it could be a genuine mistake.

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Federation calls for councils to improve procurement process

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COUNCILS need to better understand their spending with small firms to benefit local economies, according to the Federation of Small Businesses.

Local councils in the UK spend £88 billion per year on procurement. Yet with many not knowing the location or size of business with which they are trading, local communities are losing out, according to FSB research.

The Treasury estimates that the total procurement spend of UK local authorities at £88 billion per year, so the FSB polled all councils to see how and where they spend their money.

The survey revealed some interesting and often positive findings, with many councils indicating that more than half their procurement spend went to small and medium-sized businesses.

However, of the 148 local authorities to respond, the FSB found more than a third (38 per cent) of councils do not record the location of their spending and almost half (49 per cent) don't know the size of the businesses with which they are dealing.

With the average annual spend per council that responded at £185 million, they have huge spending power.

The FSB believes councils must be more aware of what they spend and how they spend it to maximise the benefits to the communities for which they work. As research shows that money spent with local businesses stays in the local economy, this will have positive effects for those areas.

Effective and responsible procurement can benefit both small firms and the local economy by creating new jobs, and keeping existing ones.

The FSB's research showed that the majority of councils claimed to have initiatives in place to support small businesses with the procurement process. But if councils want these to be effective, they need to at least know what they are doing to meet their goals.

The FSB wants to see more accurate and public recording of spend so it can inform strategy and decision-making. This will help to embed and understand the link between procurement and local economic development.

It is calling for all local councils to:

- Put mechanisms in place to record and analyse where and with which businesses money is spent. This should also measure the size of business by micro, small and medium. The data should be transparent and publicly available.
- Ensure they have initiatives to support small firms with the tender process and to develop the potential of their local small-business supply base.
- Streamline and standardise the pre-qualification processes, including approaches for the lowest-value contracts.
- Provide detailed, specific and timely feedback to unsuccessful businesses so they are in a place to bid in the future.
- Break contracts into smaller lots where possible.
- Use the relevant national portal to advertise procurement opportunities.

Roger House, FSB chairman for Kent and Medway, said: "We are pleased so many councils took part in the research. It has allowed us to build up a good picture of what is going on and identify some really good practice.

"However, we were surprised that so many councils aren't being more proactive in terms of how they record their spending. Knowing where spend is going in the area, as well as what type of businesses are getting contracts, would help councils focus on improving their procurement processes and ultimately boost communities by helping councils ensure small businesses are getting a fair chance to compete for contracts.

"There are a number of steps we would like to see local procurers take to maximise opportunities for small suppliers. No council is likely to be doing everything we recommend, but we would very much like to see as many as possible work with their local small businesses."

Rural sector under pressure from falling confidence

COUNTRYSIDE businesses are facing a significant drop in confidence and investment, according to the second-quarter findings of the CLA/Smiths Gore Rural Economy Index (REI).

Confidence among the farming sector for the next 12 months has fallen by 25 per cent from a net balance of plus 26 per cent to plus 1 per cent compared with Q1.

Investment for non-agricultural businesses remains a significant issue, with a fall of 15 per cent in net balance from minus 2 per cent in Q1 to minus 17 per cent in Q2.



Last week we reported how plans to rebrand Kent's rural economy were gaining pace – and these findings suggest the move is one that is vital for the county's economic well-being.

CLA acting regional director Tim Brock said: "These Q2 findings highlight how damaged the rural economy is becoming due to low confidence and investment.

"The Eurozone crisis, higher input costs, slow or no broadband and weak consumer confidence are some of the factors hitting confidence in trading, with the inability to secure capital funding the main reason for lack of investment.

"The Government must strive to reduce red tape and improve access to broadband if the rural economy is to recover."

Jason Beedell, head of research at business analysts Smiths Gore, said: "Although there are some encouraging signs for non-agricultural businesses – six out of eight indicators having risen – a significant drop in expected investment is leading to a weak position.

"The message to local and national government is clear – the business environment remains fragile."

Funding scheme set to unlock credit

FIRMS struggling to secure credit may now be able to unlock funding through the Government's new lending scheme, according to DSH Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors.

The Funding for Lending initiative will see the Bank of England lend money to the major financial institutions at below-market rates, hoping they will then pass this cash on to SMEs and entrepreneurs on similarly advantageous terms.

The scheme replaces the National Loan Guarantee Scheme, which experts say failed to live up to its purpose and did little to help businesses gain credit.

Duncan Cochrane-Dyet, partner at DSH's Maidstone office, said: "In the past, lenders have held what some feel to be an excessively risk-adverse position. Yes, they will lend, but only if the risk-profile of a business absolutely fits the banks' credit-risk template.

"While it is a little early to tell whether the scheme will effectively feed lending to those SMEs that have struggled to access credit to date, we at DSH view the initiative positively as there is a lot that a business can do to improve its chances of getting lending."

Introducing the business champion

MAIDSTONE has a new business champion tasked with stimulating economic growth and creating jobs

Steve Goulette will be assisting the borough council's cabinet member for economic development and commercial services, Malcolm Greer, to deliver a growing economy with rising employment, catering for a range of skill sets to meet the demands of the local economy.

Goulette will undertake the role alongside his existing responsibilities as assistant director for environment and regulatory services.

He said: "Maidstone is a great place to do business. We want success for all our existing businesses, but we recognise we need to continue to attract new ones, particularly in these challenging times."

Greer added: "Steve is an experienced and highly capable senior officer. I am delighted that he will be supporting my portfolio by working with existing local businesses to support their existing operation and helping their development ambitions.

"I have also asked him to be our link with inward investment companies."

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ENVIRONMENT

Cut heating bills and go green

ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY business Freetricity, fronted by entrepreneurs Paul Williams and Ben Way, is offering businesses across Kent the opportunity to apply for free heating systems that could cut their energy bills by up to 50 per cent.

The firm was formed after the two men met on Channel 4's Secret Millionaire. It is offering free biomass (wood-fuelled) boilers to business-owners under a Government-backed scheme that will provide commercial biomass boilers for free on a 20-year serviced and maintained basis.

The business pays only for the wood that fuels it and can save between 30-50 per cent on future fuel bills.

Williams, CEO, said: "Over the last year, we have grown to become one of the leading players in the solar-energy sector. However, as a business we are always looking to grow and so we have decided to diversify into the biomass energy sector.

"This is an exciting new area of business for us which offers similar benefits to business-owners as our solar energy offer has. Over time, we hope to expand Freetricity further into other renewable sectors.

"Biomass offers significant savings for buildings which have high heating bills, like schools, hotels, pubs and leisure centres. This type of heating system offers a greener, more cost-effective way of heating buildings. By installing one of our free biomass boilers, there are no upfront costs, but businesses benefit from cheaper heating bills and no capital outlay for a new boiler which can cost up to £200,000. "

The business offers renewable-energy solutions including solar panels, biomass boilers and, shortly, renewable heat pumps.

Way said: "Biomass boilers are essentially wood-fuelled boilers. They are a fantastically efficient method of heat production compared to more traditional fuels such as oil, LPG and natural gas. The biomass system, when designed correctly, will provide 100 per cent of the annual heat load of the building, replacing the requirement for a conventional boiler.

"The fact we can offer the equipment absolutely free makes this a fantastic deal for business-owners who want to cut costs and do their bit for the environment."

Business-owners should see the website www.freeheating.net to find out more.

Apprenticeships given a boost by new report

By Nick Ames
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MOVES to increase employment and training prospects for young people in Kent have received a warm welcome from across the business community.

The Financial Skills Partnership, together with other commercial groups, companies and politicians, has welcomed the findings of the Holt report into apprenticeships among SMEs, which calls for increased support to help them take on young people to learn a trade.

Social entrepreneur, jeweller and business analyst Jason Holt established an apprenticeship college in response to a declining skills base in his industry. Its success prompted the Government to commission him to compile the report.



FINDINGS: The Holt Report draws attention to the benefits of apprentices for small businesses

It said small firms should have more involvement in designing the content of apprenticeships and have some direct control over the funding through vouchers or discounts on employers' National Insurance contributions.

Currently, less than 10 per cent of small and medium-sized companies in the UK employ apprentices – fewer than half the rate of larger companies.

Liz Field, CEO of the Financial Skills Partnership, an employer-led industry body, said: "The Holt report brings to the fore an issue that has been a priority of ours for some time. There has been an encouraging rise in vocational learning schemes within the financial sector, but with more than 90 per cent of companies in the sector falling into the SME category the success of apprenticeships will come down to how well they are integrated into smaller firms in areas such as Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells and Ashford.

"We have done a lot of detailed work developing apprenticeship frameworks for the profession at various levels, always taking care to work in close consultation with practitioners to ensure that, as each of these schemes is rolled out, it is a genuinely useful and relevant tool to help serve the needs of businesses. The reason Jason Holt's recommendations are so pertinent is because the needs of the small businesses take centre stage and, as a result, they will be confident in apprenticeships and the benefits they deliver.

"Consequently, the apprentices will have a much more positive experience and will be guided into worthwhile, rewarding careers.

"Despite the challenges SMEs face in the current economy, there are some fantastic opportunities for companies to utilise the resources available to them. With the Government taking on board the recommendations of the Holt report, I am confident we will see much more vocational training taking place at companies of all sizes, which will ultimately have an impact on growth in the UK."

Education Secretary Michael Gove backed Holt's findings and said training providers, which range from large employers to freelance consultants and colleges, will be issued with a set of standards and warned over the "consequences of not meeting them".

And Skills Minister John Hayes said providers could face being barred from accessing funding if they did not follow proposed guidelines.

TAX

Prepare for your defence

SMALL businesses should ensure they can fight unfair tax demands in the courts, according to a tax specialist.

Nick Ditton, who runs TaxAssist Accountants in Ashford, said that the latest ruling from a VAT tribunal, which saved a bed-and-breakfast-owner from a hard verdict, proved the value of an HMRC fighting fund.

"Costs cannot be recovered from HMRC, even after an appeal has been won, so fee protection insurance is vital," said Ditton. "Without it, it's unlikely that this latest case would have been defended. With it, businesses can fight their corner, knowing the legal costs are met.

"HMRC continues to target small businesses, with task forces targeting cash businesses across Ashford, including private taxi firms, pubs, corner shops, takeaways and market traders, for example.

"Small-business-owners need to protect their hard-earned income and make sure their accountants provide fee protection."

In the latest VAT case, HMRC had demanded that a small B&B run from a family farmhouse, which was well below the VAT-registration threshold, should be lumped with the farm, a separate, VAT-registered business.

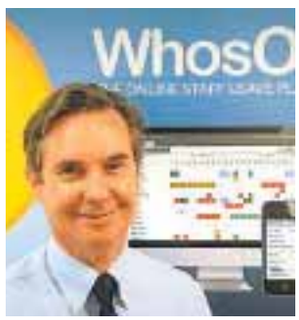
The tribunal found that the two businesses were separate, ensuring the B&B did not have to pay 20 per cent of its income in VAT, increase its prices and become uncompetitive.

Online leave planning firm proud to be a finalist in National Business Awards

CANTERBURY-BASED WhosOff.com – the online staff leave planner used by more than 800 companies across the UK and around the world – has been short-listed for the Small Online Business Of The Year award at this year's National Business Awards In Partnership With Orange.

The winner of the awards will be revealed at the National Business Awards gala dinner on Tuesday, November 13, in London, where WhosOff.com will rub shoulders with companies from across the range of award categories, including National Grid, Marks and Spencer and London Early Years Foundation.

WhosOff.com generates revenue via a subscription model and counts small companies – as well as some of the biggest British and global brand names – among its customers.



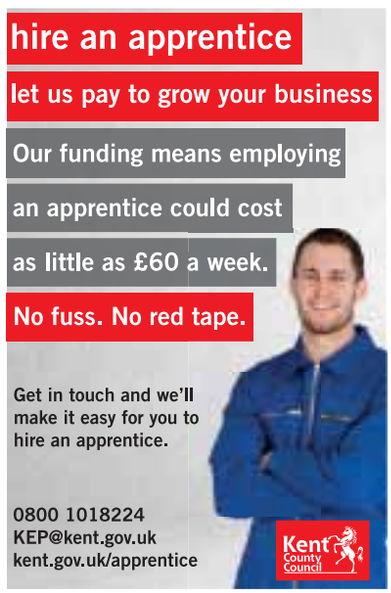
NOMINATED FIRM: WhosOff.com co-founder Philip Cross

David Keene, vice-president marketing at Salesforce, and a National Business Awards judge, said WhosOff.com was short-listed because it submitted "a great user case study for a web app in a cloud computing model, and the developer has an innovative eye for making the app available on mobile devices."

Philip Cross, co-founder of WhosOff.com, said: "We are really proud to be a finalist in the National Business Awards 2012 in partnership with Orange, and it's a reflection of all the hard work by the WhosOff.com team that we have got there."

The National Business Awards has revealed that more than 150 of Britain's leading businesses and business leaders are finalists in its awards programme.

Collectively, all finalists represent an annual turnover of more than £135 billion and employ more than 700,000 staff.



Training, courses and careers

Apprentice numbers on the increase as subsidy scheme reaps rewards

A PAIR of Medway trainees have scooped jobs a year after gaining an apprenticeship.

It's an area renowned for its rich engineering history, where apprenticeships were once commonplace.

Now, a year after the council launched a scheme to encourage more businesses to take on trainees, the number of people taking up apprenticeships in Medway is on the increase.

The latest figures show a 63 per cent rise in the number of people starting apprenticeships in Medway since 2009, with 809 trainees signing up in 2010-11, up from 495 in 2009-10.

The figures come just a year after the council announced a new subsidy scheme designed to help businesses with the costs of taking on an apprentice.

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The council has invested more than £200,000 in the scheme, as well as hundreds of thousands from European funds, which offers businesses a £2,000 grant for the wages or training of an apprentice.

In the past year alone, more than 200 apprentices have started training in Medway, at around 150 different businesses, ranging from administration and customer service to construction, engineering and butchery.

The council also took part in the national 100 in 100 campaign – the challenge to create 100 apprenticeships in 100 days – in 2011, and from that secured 190 apprenticeships across Medway, with many now finding their way into full-time work, just a year after starting their training.

Rosie Seath, 19, started her apprenticeship at homeless charity Medway Cyrenians last summer.

The teenager from Cliffe Woods had just finished studying office administration at college and was looking for work that would build on her studies.

She said: "When I got the call to offer me the apprenticeship last year I was so excited.

"The thing about an apprenticeship was that it meant I could get working while gaining more skills, and experience and qualifications are what so many employers are looking for."

One year on, after completing her apprenticeship earlier than expected and gaining and NVQ Level 2 in business administration, Rosie has been offered a full-time position at the charity. She is now PA for founder, Karen Hurley, who said: "She is doing a grand job and we're so proud of her.

"She's the first apprentice we've taken on and we'd consider doing it again."

And David Leak completed an apprenticeship in welding and fabrication which saw him bring a piece of history back to life.

David, also 19, is one year into his apprenticeship working on the restoration of the Medway Queen.

He is one of a team of nine apprentices who have busy working on different components of the paddle steamer, currently docked in Bristol, in anticipation of its return to the waters of the River Medway.

He said: "The past year has been great. Although I learnt the basics at college, coming into the workplace and actually getting to work has been the best experience you can get.

"It's also exciting to be working on a historic ship that obviously means a lot to the local community. To be part of a young team refurbishing it feels really worthwhile and I think will help me stand out to employers in the future.

"My granddad has been on the Medway Queen and also worked in construction and engineering so he's really proud of me and excited that I'm working on the ship."

He added: "If I were to meet another young person thinking about an apprenticeship, I'd tell them to grab it with both hands, it really is worth it and it's good fun too."



TRAINING: Apprentice Rosie Seath has a full-time job with a homelessness charity



HERITAGE: David Leak has been helping to restore the historic Medway Queen

College says cost should not be a barrier to studies

WITH some universities charging up to £9,000 for an HND diploma, one Kent says it has slashed the cost to £5,700.

There are a number of Higher National Diplomas/Certificates and foundation degrees available for that price at MidKent College.

Anyone signing up for a full-time HE course may also be eligible for a £1,000 progression bursary in the first year.

Director of higher education development Stephen Batchelor said: "Money should not be a barrier to education, which is why we try to keep our course fees as low as possible.

"As the UK navigates its way through a double-dip recession, providing employability skills for our learners remains a key focus for MidKent College.

"We have designed a series of qualifications that will provide young people with the skills and abilities they need to be successful in building a career and gaining an edge in the ever-more crowded job market, making higher education a worthwhile long-term investment."

It claims to have the highest quality of teaching thanks to the courses being validated by either the University of Kent, Canterbury Christ Church University, or Edexcel.

A spokesman said: "We also recently launched several new courses to add to our existing HE offer that includes HNC/Ds and/or foundation degrees in applied chemistry, business, building and civil engineering, information technology, engineering, qualifying to teach in the lifelong learning sector, and childhood studies.

New at Medway from September is a HNC/D in hospitality and event management; HND in performing arts (musical theatre and production pathways); and HNC/D in public services (ssecurity pathway).

At Maidstone there is HNC/D in entrepreneurship; HNC/D in sport and leisure management; and HND in health and social care (applied social science).

Academy wins gold for top notch teaching in arts

HARTSDOWN Academy in Margate has won the highly coveted Artsmark Gold standard.

It is the top honour for the arts that any school or college can achieve, and was awarded after assessors visited the college and investigated all the arts departments – art, music, drama, performing arts.

Executive headteacher Andy Somers said: "This is a fantastic achievement. You have to maintain a very high standard to be awarded Artsmark Gold – and we earned the award because we are among the best in the UK at delivering the arts curriculum.

"The assessors were clearly impressed at the range and diversity of activities, displays, exhibitions, performances and work that they saw in classrooms, workshops and around the campus."

Margate mayor and mayoress Will Scobie and Jodie Hibbert joined in the praise for the college's arts during a tour of the campus.

Ms Hibbert said: "Arts is so important for many young people – it gives them a fantastic chance for creativity and expression and is a great way of building self-confidence."

Schools & education

Zig-zag lines parking warning for parents as new school year begins

PARENTS and other drivers stopping outside schools and colleges in Medway have been warned that a major clampdown could cost them dear.

The new term has started, and motorists have been told road safety officers are out in force.

The council wants to reduce congestion, improve visibility of young pedestrians, and stop illegal and dangerous parking.

Su Ormes, principal road safety officer said: "Understandably many parents drive their children to and from school for various reasons.

"However, there is a small percentage of parents parking inconsiderately and illegally on the yellow zig-zag lines or on roads outside the school gates.

"We hope parents will make a positive step and find a legal place to park."

The Zig Zag banner campaign aims to stop drivers from parking on the school keep clear markings, commonly referred to as zig-zag lines.

There are three banners, each carrying a progressively stronger message from Green – don't park here, to Red – keep clear.

And Medway Council's Cllr Phil Filmer added: "We take road safety in Medway very seriously. If parents can do their bit for congestion and the environment by leaving their car at home and walking their child to school or joining one of the many walking bus schemes in Medway, that would be very positive."

Sir's swapping blackboards for a scalpel as he retrains to be a doctor



DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE: Teacher Oliver Batham

ROCHESTER Independent College is used to its students winning medical school places – but this year it is wishing good luck to one of its English teachers who is retraining as a doctor.

A-level and GCSE English teacher Oliver Batham has won a place at Southampton University to study medicine on a graduate entry medicine course.

He said: "These accelerated courses are already the norm in countries like the USA, where medicine is a postgraduate course.

"The entry requirements are different to the standard undergraduate course – entrants have to have completed a degree first, although not necessarily in a scientific subject. Other requirements tend to be similar to those of other entrants – A-level chemistry and a good amount of work experience are both key.

"As well as undertaking my new course, I look forward to remaining in touch with RIC and hope to return in the near future, both to speak to my old English students and to give interested students an insight into life at medical school."

Also off to start medical training from RIC is tenacious student Vinitha Soundararajan who last year, despite A grades in biology, chemistry and maths, was rejected by all the medical schools she applied to. Refusing to give up on her dreams of becoming a doctor she opted to take a year out to improve her profile and reapply.

Vinitha now has an extra A-level in sociology, and starts her MBBS Medicine course at the University of East Anglia in October.

She said: "Anyone thinking of applying for medicine keep going at it. You will get people along the way who will tell you it's too hard but at the end of the day you have to go for what you want."

Final touches are being added to college's redevelopment works

MULTI-million pound development work at Canterbury College is coming to an end.

Much of the work at the New Dover Road site was completed by January, but the final details are being completed and it will be fully open this time next year.

The majority of the campus buildings were redeveloped. The latest project began with the demolition of 'H-Block', the last of the old teaching buildings, during the holidays.

In its place will be 'Block 17', a three-storey complex.

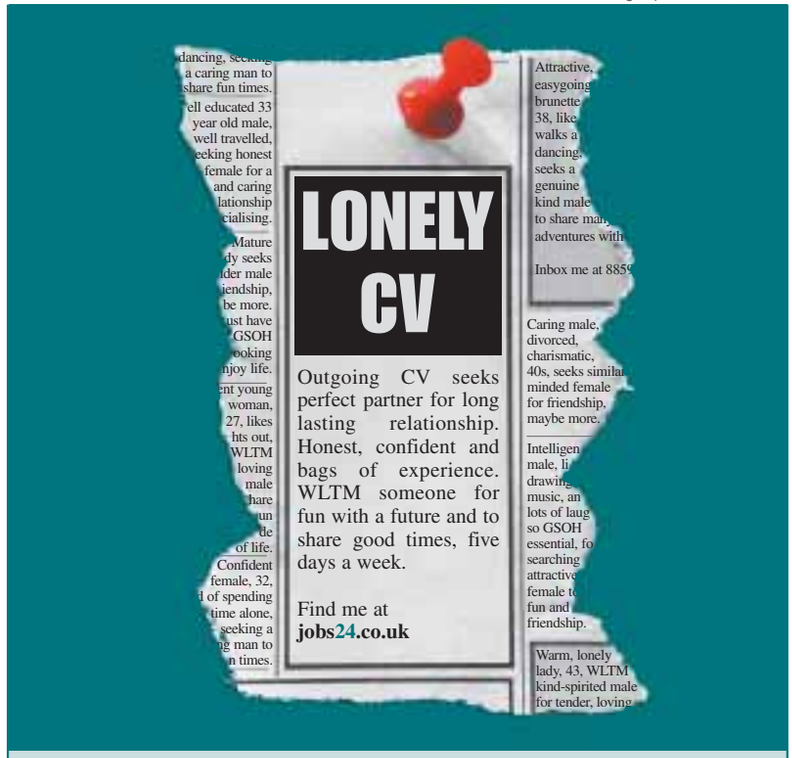
It will be home to the supported learning provision, including a training flat which will have a living room, kitchen and bathroom areas.

The flat has been designed to help supported learning students develop independent life skills. 'Block 17' will also be the base of higher education provision and will contain 30 classrooms, art studios, lecture theatres, and a student common room.

The overall redevelopment project will have taken seven years and cost more than £100 million.

The already-completed buildings feature four hair salons, a fully functioning training spa, a children's centre, dance and drama theatre, motor vehicle centre, veterinary nursing, early years, public services, sports therapy, and student recreation facilities.

The redevelopment has already won a LABC South East Building Excellence Award.



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This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure.

For an application pack, please write to/telephone (stating the role for which you are applying):
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The Spencer Private Hospital is the independently owned and managed 22 bed private hospital situated on the QEQM Hospital site. We also have a 4 bed unit at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford. The continuing growth of our business has resulted in vacancies for the following staff:

These posts are primarily located at Margate but will be moving to our head office based in Dover in the near future

PATIENT CHOICE ADMINISTRATOR
Full time position
Experience within a medical environment desirable

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Full time position
Experience within a medical environment desirable

Closing date for applications Friday 21 September

To discuss these opportunities please contact:

Paul Parish - Business Office Manager
01843 234555 ext 63316

For job description and application form please contact:

Jo Edwards
East Kent Medical Services Ltd
Spencer Private Hospital
Ramsgate Road
Margate
Kent CT9 4BG
Telephone: 01843 234556
Fax: 01843 296333
E-mail: jo.edwards@thespencerwing.com

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Closing date for applications Friday 21 September

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Suresh Bandaru - Physiotherapy Manager
01843 234555 ext 63361

For job description and application form please contact:

Jo Edwards
East Kent Medical Services Ltd
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Swale Academies Trust

Westlands School

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Recruitment packs are available from Westlands School or online (www.westlands.org.uk). Please note that we cannot accept CVs without an application form. Closing date: 19 September 2012

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Contact Details
Tel: 01795 477475 Fax: 01795 479461
Email swa@westlands.kent.sch.uk
Trust Principal: Mr J Whitcombe MA

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CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//12/00559/FUL: The Old Farm House, The Drive, Chestfield, CT5 3NS Erection of new dwelling and erection of a new outbuilding to provide garaging and external storage in the garden of The Old Farmhouse. **Applicant: Mr I Bower Smith** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA//12/01469/FUL: Greenways, The Drove, Chestfield, CT5 3NY Replacement of hanging tiles with fibre cement weatherboard. **Applicant: Mrs E Jackson** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01488/FUL: 8 South Canterbury Road, Canterbury, CT1 3LJ Creation of basement. **Applicant: Mr Wood** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01491/FUL: Plough Inn, London Road, Upper Harbledown, CT2 9AW Change of use of public house (Class A4) to single dwelling (Class C3); associated external alterations including the erection of a conservatory and installation of first floor window in western elevation. **Applicant: Mr Bungar** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA//12/01492/FUL: 115 Chestfield Road, Chestfield, CT5 3LS Formation of vehicular access. **Applicant: Mr T Moxley** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01494/FUL: Tullivers, Manns Hill, Bossingham, Upper Hardres, CT4 6EB Insertion of dormer in front roofslope and rooflight in rear roofslope. **Applicant: Mr N Butcher** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01498/FUL: 2 Willow Way, Chestfield, CT5 3JJ Conservatory to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Birks** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01507/FUL: 2 Becketts Wood, Chislet, CT3 4DQ Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions. **Applicant: Mr Brown** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01509/FUL: 45 High Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AS Relocation of existing ATM from the left hand window bay to the central window bay of the shop front. **Applicant: HSBC Bank PLC** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01510/ADV: 45 High Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AS Relocation of existing ATM from the left hand window bay to the central window bay of the shop front. **Applicant: HSBC Bank PLC** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01513/FUL: Glencot, School Lane, Bekesbourne, CT4 5ER Single storey extension to side and rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs Holliday** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01514/ADV: 60-62 High Street, Whitstable, CT5 1BB One externally illuminated fascia sign and one externally illuminated projecting sign. **Applicant: Harris & Hoole Baristas** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01523/FUL: 19 Joy Lane, Whitstable, CT5 4LT Vehicular crossover. **Applicant: Mrs Raymaud** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to **development.management@canterbury.gov.uk** to arrive on or before **Monday 1 October 2012.**

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: **www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc**

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 7 September 2012

Folkestone Hythe & Romney Marsh

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y12/0759/SH - 9 Grand Court Earls Avenue Folkestone Kent CT20 2EU - Alterations and extensions to the roof to provide additional living accommodation.

Y12/0762/SH# - Martello Tower Number 23 Hythe Road Dymchurch Romney Marsh Kent - Listed building consent for removal of existing and application of new render to exterior.

Y12/0751/SH - Land adjoining Well House 41 Radnor Cliff Folkestone Kent - Erection of a pair of four-storey semi-detached dwellings, with the fourth floor contained within the roof space, together with the creation of a vehicular access.

Y12/0766/SH+ - 16 Hillside Street Hythe Kent CT21 5EL - Felling of a Norway Spruce tree situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0765/SH - 1 Lime Villas High Street Elham Canterbury Kent - Felling of an Eucalyptus tree situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0769/SH+ - H V Wooding Ltd Store A Range Road Industrial Estate Range Road Hythe Kent - Section 73 application to vary conditions 2, 3, 11 and 13 to install solar panels and alter the pitch and height of roof, installation and alteration of windows and doors, alterations to brick and cladding, revised parking layout and retention of west boundary wall and rain screen cladding.

Y12/0725/SH+ - Oakleigh House, Upper Malthouse Hill & 25 Hillside Street Hythe Kent - Pruning works to five trees situated within a conservation area comprising the reduction in height & width of two Bays (T1 and T4) and a Damson (T3) and the reduction in height of a second Damson (T2).

Y12/0763/SH - The Grand The Leas Folkestone Kent CT20 2LR - Listed building consent for the installation of fire alarm system to outer foyer entrance off Metropole Road East.

Y12/0767/SH - Land at Ingles Manor and land at Folkestone Garden Centre Castle Hill Avenue Folkestone Kent - A hybrid application encompassing: 1) Full application for the erection of 13 dwellings with associated parking and landscaping together with 3 two storey office buildings with parking and landscaping forming phases 1 and 3. & 2) Outline application for the erection of 44 dwellings with associated parking and landscaping forming phases 2 and 4 (matters relating to access, landscaping and layout).

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

\# - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

\+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

KCC/AS/0311/2012 - Proposed development at Former Wavin Plastics Site, Brunswick Road, Ashford, Kent.

Viridor Waste Management Limited is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for a temporary change of use of land to a household waste recycling centre and transfer site.

You may view this application via a computer link at the following locations: (a) Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford; and (b) Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street, Tenterden.

KCC/SW/0310/2012 - Proposed development at Ballast Phoenix Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA) Recycling Plant, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8SR.

Ballast Phoenix Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the variation of condition 9 of planning permission reference SW/05/1203 to amend permitted stockpile heights.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT

KCC/SW/0297/2012 - Proposed development at Ridham Dock, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8SR

MW Environment Ltd is applying to the Kent County Council for planning permission for extension to wood storage area and improvements to site access at the approved Ridham Biomass power plant (planning permission SW/10/774). The proposed development also affects the setting of the public right of way.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 9 September 2012

Kent County Council

Swale BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.
8. This application is accompanied as an Environmental Statement.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2012

SW/12/0045 & SW/12/0076:
Outline Planning Application for the demolition of existing buildings and structures (except for) the retention of the Former Working Mast House (Building 26), Rennie Pumping Station, and the retention of the existing Ambient Area W4 building and existing Cool Store No.2 building and use for Nacelle Inventory (i.e. nacelle cover, generator, gear, transformers) and Offshore Stores (i.e storage of parts for the offshore wind turbine) up to a maximum of 26,400 sqm (GEA), proposed erection of a Blade Production building up to a maximum of 125,300 sqm (GEA); a Common Services Centre (i.e. administration and catering building) up to a maximum of 11,500 sqm (GEA); a Nacelle Production building (i.e. enclosure for the generator) up to a maximum of 12,250 sqm (GEA); Blade storage area up to a maximum of 229,185 sqm; Nacelle Storage area up to a maximum area of 57,320 sqm, tower storage up to a maximum of 101,680 sqm; Main Substation Area up to a maximum area of 3250 sqm (GEA) and facilities for Power Conversion Modules assembly and tower erection, with associated cranes/rigs.

Layout, Scale, proposed internal access roads, appearance and landscaping matters are reserved.

Full Planning Permission for the retention, strengthening and infilling of existing quays structures, dredging, the erection of new marine structures to create a continuous offshore transit area and quay wall, new inset berth (consisting of a new finger quay and travelling crane), relocation of the existing car terminal and berth, provision of an internal perimeter access road, and quayside storage and assembly areas.

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

SW/12/0076 - Demolition of free-standing structures potentially listed by virtue of being within a curtilage of a listed building (shed no. 1, shed no. 2, shed no. 2A, Shed no. 67, shed no. 68). Demolition of structures potentially listed through physical annexation to be altered or demolished (shed no. 25, shed no. 25W and attached sub station, shed no. 27, Dockyard Wall adjacent to west of south (railway) gate, Rennie sea wall, below ground adjacent to Building 26).

PLEASE NOTE AMENDED DESCRIPTIONS, AMENDED AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED.

-Sheerness Docks, SHEERNESS; **REASONS 1, 2, 3, 6 & 8**

SW/12/0797:
Listed Building Consent for the demolition and rebuilding of the plinth walls, south wall and floors, repairs and alterations to the timber frame (all retrospective) and the replacement of the metal sheet roof with thatch - Green Farm Barn, Stalisfield Green, Stalisfield Road, STALISFIELD; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0865:
Authentic replacement UPVC windows to front elevations - 37 Abbey Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0921:
Variation of conditions 15 and 17 of SW/12/0395 to allow extended hours for B2 use and vehicle movements - 6/1 Trinity Trading Estate, Mill Way, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 3**

SW/12/1031:
Proposed hoop ladder and safety railing to existing flat roof - 29 High Street, SHEERNESS; **REASON 1**

SW/12/1036:
Outline application for four houses - Land adjacent to the Four Horseshoes PH, Head Hill Road, GRAVENEY; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/1050:
Front Porch, rear two storey side extension, first floor extension + enclosure of existing car port to create a garage with additional paving - Pippins, The Street, BORDEN; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/1068:
New building comprising 6th form centre and teaching rooms and a new multi-use games area - Queen Elizabeth School, Abbey Place, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1, 2 & 3**

SW/12/1073:
Change of use from a residential detached house to A2 use for an estate agent's office - Gate House, Brenley Lane, Brenley, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 2**

SW/12/1085:
Advertisment consent for three non-illuminated wall mounted signs - The Methodist Church ,High Street, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 1**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

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Notice of proposal to modify definitive map order

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Notice is hereby given pursuant to paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 that the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine the Kent County Council Former Excluded Area of Ramsgate – Order No. 4 (Public Footpaths TRX17, TRX18, TRX19, TRX20, TRX21, TRX22, TRX23, TRX24, TRX25, TRX40, TRX41, TRX42, TRX43 and TRX49) Definitive Map Modification Order 2011 proposes to modify the Order by providing for the following modifications:

- In Part I of the Order, the description of Public Footpath TRX20 be amended by deleting the sentence "At a point approximately 93 metres from the commencement of the route on Dumpton Park Drive a small spur also numbered TRX20 with a width of 1 metre runs north westwards for 5 metres to connect with Frances Gardens."
- In Part II of the Order, the description of Public Footpath TRX20 be amended by deleting the sentence "After 93 metres there is a spur with a width of 1 metre that runs for 5 metres to its junction with Frances Gardens."
- On the plan attached to the Order delete the spur and associated text

A copy of the Order as submitted and a copy of the Order showing the proposed modification together with the Inspector's Order decision dated 01 August 2012 have been deposited in the Countryside Access Service, Kent County Council, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XX and at the offices of the Thanet District Council, Cecil Square, Margate and may be inspected free of charge during normal working hours.

Any representation or objection with respect to the proposed modification may be sent in writing to Clive Richards, The Planning Inspectorate, Rights of Way Section, Room 3/25 Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6PN, tel 0117 3728626, e-mail clive.richards@pins.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference FPS/W2275/7/67, between 10 September 2012 and 08 October 2012 and must state the grounds on which it is made. It should be noted that any such representation or objection may be made available for viewing by interested parties at the council offices on request.

Dated this 9th day of September 2012.

Notice of proposal to modify definitive map order

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Notice is hereby given pursuant to paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 that the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine the Kent County Council Public Footpath AE662 at Brabourne Definitive Map Modification Order 2011 Map Sheet 129 (TRO4SE) proposes to modify the Order by providing for the following modification: -

* In parts I and II of the Schedule to the Order, where the width is stated to be 1.0 metre, delete '0' and insert '2' in its place. Add 's' to the end of 'metre'.

For purposes of location, the claimed route runs from Church Road opposite the Primary School and runs generally north-westwards for approximately 412.2 metres to its connection with public footpath AE285.

A copy of the Order as submitted and a copy of the Order showing the proposed modification together with the Inspector's Order decision dated 09 August 2012 have been deposited at Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XX and at Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS and may be inspected free of charge during normal working hours.

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Dated this 09th day of September 2012.



PLANNING

THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY

(OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2010 (AMENDMENT NO 3) ORDER 2012

The Shepway District Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") in exercise of their powers under section 35C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State (The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders) (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 and of all other enabling powers hereby gives notice that the charges to be paid in connection with hourly tariffs and season tickets at off-street parking places will, on 17th September 2012 be varied as follows -

Charges apply 8am - 8pm unless otherwise indicated

Car Park		Details of the charges on the date this notice is given	Details of the charges that are to be payable when the notice comes into force on 17/09/2012
SHORT TERM			
Folkestone:			
Upper Payers Park	Up to 30 mins	£0.80	Linear charging at £1.00 per hour Minimum payment £0.50 (30 minutes) Maximum payment £3.00 (3 hours)
Shellons Street	Up to 1 hour	£1.20	
Foresters Way	Up to 2 hours	£2.30	
Pleydell Gardens	Up to 3 hours	£3.40	
LONG TERM			
Folkestone:			
	Up to 1 hour	£1.20	Linear charging at £1.00 per hour Minimum payment £1.00 (1 hour) Maximum payment £6.00 (all day)
	Up to 2 hours	£2.30	
Harbourside	Up to 3 hours	£3.40	
Leas Cliff Hall	Up to 4 hours	£4.50	
Tram Road	Up to 5 hours	£5.70	
	Up to 6 hours	£6.70	
	Up to 12 hours	£7.90	

Car Park Season Tickets	Current charges	
Valid in all car parks where the maximum stay is over 3 hours	3 months	£125.00
	6 months	£250.00
	12 months	£500.00
Shepway Car Park Residents Permits	12 months	£52.00
Replacement permits		£5.20

Car Park Season Tickets		Proposed Charges		
Valid in all car parks where the maximum stay is over 3 hours		12 months	6 months	3 months
	At any time	£657.00	£378.00	£165.00
	6 days per week	£560.00	£280.00	£140.00
	5 days per week	£468.00	£234.00	£117.00
	4 days per week	£374.00	£187.00	£94.00
	3 days per week	£280.00	£140.00	£70.00
	2 days per week	£187.00	£94.00	£47.00
	1 day per week	£94.00	£47.00	£24.00
Shepway Car Park Residents Permits		£52.00	-	-
Replacement permits		£5.20	-	-

A copy of the Notice of Tariff Changes may be inspected at the District Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY, during normal office hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Notice or of any of its provisions on the ground that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that a requirement of any such enabling Act or of any relevant regulations made there under has not been complied with may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Notice was published, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

If you have any questions concerning the Notice or require further information please contact Shepway District Council (Parking Services), Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY (01303 853380) during normal office hours.

A. Lague, Highways Engineer, On behalf of B. Porter,
Head of Communities, Shepway District Council,
Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue,
Folkestone, CT20 2QY

8th September 2012

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/12/1127/S - MOUSEHOLE FARM, MAIDSTONE ROAD, NETTLESTEAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 5HR - Amendments to two existing fishing lakes, provision of a third lake, retention of a timber building providing storage, mobile canteen and sitting area, additional car parking area and associated landscaping. **Reason: 6**

MA/12/1496/N - LEADING CROSS GREEN FARM, HEADCORN ROAD, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2HS - Erection of first floor extension over existing single storey side extension and reconfiguration of roof structure of existing rear extensions to form double gable end and associated works. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1507/S - 72, LONDON ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 0DT - Erection of single storey front, side and rear extension, two storey side and rear extension, loft conversion and detached garage. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1525/S - 2, SUTTON FORGE, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9DY - The removal of the existing fencing and the construction of a brick wall (with closeboarded fencing infill panels) on the property boundary line adjacent to the public footpath. **Reason: 2**

MA/12/1526/N - 1, GABLE COTTAGES, OTHAM STREET, OTHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 8RL - Erection of a two storey and single storey side extensions. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/1532/N - 9, MILL STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6XP - Change of use from offices to part beauty salon and part residential with alterations to shopfront. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/1541/S - LAND OFF, TOVIL GREEN, TOVIL, MAIDSTONE - Erection of four blocks of two and three-storey terraced houses comprising 12 two-bedroom and 12 three-bedroom houses for affordable rent with associated private amenity space and car parking. **Reason: 6**

Reasons for advertisement key:

1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
6 - Application is Major Development.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **9th September 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 23rd September 2012

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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

12/01702/HOUSE **1 The White House, High Street, Brenchley**
- Single-storey extension with catslide roof over incorporating a single bedroom and new conservation rooflights (LB) (CA)

12/02363/LBC **Brenchley Manor, Brenchley Road, Brenchley**
- Listed Building Consent - Replacement of felt roof to existing central flat section of roof, with lead flat roof (work already carried out) (LB)

12/02382/LBC **The Barn, Fairmans Lane, Brenchley**
- Listed Building Consent: Repaint all exterior weatherboarding & joinery in black stain; replace existing single door/window on south east elevation with bi folding doors; remove oil tanks and demolish walls replacing with new plastic oil tank in new position behind barn (LB)

12/02350/FULMJ **Trenley Farm, Trenley Lane, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Development of two bay garage and store. Three stables for private use with ancillary storage and associated grazing. 20m x 40m sand school. Provision of access drive (LB) (MAJOR)

12/02411/LBC **Shipmans, Stone Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Alterations to kitchen and dining room floor including excavation of soil under joist and installation of two air bricks, replacement of rotten joist and floorboards, relocation of salvageable floorboards, fixing rigid insulation boards between joists, laying antique dark oiled solid oak floorboards to all areas except kitchen, removal of concrete floor to alcove where new kitchen is proposed, excavation of soil for new concrete floor with DPM and thermal insulation to receive sand, cement screed, finished with brick tiles (LB)

12/02422/LBC **Great Hungerden Cottage, Green Lane, Frittenden**
- Listed Building Consent - Internal alterations to stair handrail and banister; Replacement of soleplate to west wall of dining room with associated timberframe repairs, together with lowering of the dining room floor by 230mm including new breathable limecrete slab (LB)

12/01444/FUL **Connollys, Cranbrook Road, Hawkhurst**
- Conversion of former kitchen and living room to provide one 1 bedroom flat (LB) (CA)

12/02339/FUL **12 Roedean Heights Roedean Road, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Creating of 2 No. double glazed timber casement windows on south elevation (CA)

12/02398/FUL **Garden Cottage And Mulberry Lodge, 16 Calverley Park Gardens, Park**
- Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two detached dwellings (CA)

12/02407/CAC **Garden Cottage, 16 Calverley Park Gardens, Park**
- Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of dwelling (CA)

12/02351/FULMJ **Sparshatts Of Kent Ltd, Longfield Road, Sherwood**
- Change of use to B2 and B8 with ancillary trade counter and including following uses: storage distribution and sale of tiles, floor coverings bathroom furniture and other building materials. Machinery tool and plant hire. Autocentre and plumbers and builders merchant (MAJOR)

12/02335/FUL **Q8 Petroleum (GB) Ltd, London Road, Southborough Town Council**
- Erection of 4 no. dwellings with access parking and landscaping (LB)

12/02257/LBC **The Cottage Groombridge Hill, Speldhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Alteration to walls and gate piers at entrance (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 8 September 2012

MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Dog and Duck, Plucks Gutter, Stourmouth**

Applicant: **John Moon**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Cath Anley
Head of Libraries, Registration and Archives
Kent History and Library Centre
James Whatman Way
Maidstone, ME14 1LQ

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA

A20 ASHFORD ROAD & WOOTTON LANE, CHARING (RESTRICTIONS ON TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to the refurbishment of Westwell Leacon railway bridge, Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting traffic on A20 Ashford Road and Wootton Lane, Charing, on or after 17 September 2012 for up to 20 weeks or until the works have been completed.

A20 ASHFORD ROAD, CHARING - a temporary mandatory speed limit of 40 mph will be imposed from the centreline of Westwell Leacon bridge, for a distance of approximately 300 metres northwards and approximately 170 metres southwards.

WOOTTON LANE, CHARING will be closed from the junction with the A20 Ashford Road for a distance of approximately 50 metres north eastwards

The alternative route is via A20 Ashford Road, Wicken Lane, Westwell Lane and Wootton Lane.

MUNDY BOIS ROAD, EGERTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to replace a drainage culvert, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mundy Bois Road, Egerton, on or after 24 September 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Kingsland Lane to the property called Honess.

The alternative route is via Mundy Bois Road, Smarden Road, Egerton Road, New Road, Rock Hill Road and Mundy Bois Road.

HIGHWAYS-CANTERBURY AREA

BOYDEN GATE HILL, CHISLET (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of kerb modification works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Boyden Gate Hill, Chislet, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Poachers End Cottages, in the vicinity of the junction with Highstead.

The alternative route is via Highstead, Ford Hill, Maypole Road, Old Tree Road, Church Lane and Boyden Gate Hill.

IFFIN LANE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Iffin Lane, Canterbury, on or after 12 September 2012 for up to 3 days, between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length.

The alternative routes are as follows

Whilst closed between Chartham Downs Road & Merton Lane, via Chartham Downs Road, Faussett Hill, Nackington Road, Merton Lane and Stuppington Lane

Whilst closed between Merton Lane and New House Lane, via Stuppington Lane, Nunnery Fields, Old Dover Road, A28 Rhodaus Town, Pin Hill, Wincheap and Hollow Lane

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KIRBY'S LANE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works in connection with a new residential development, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Kirby's Lane, Canterbury, on or after 10 September 2012 until July 2013, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the rear of 6/8 Station Road.

There will be no access for through traffic; however access remains from either end of Kirby's Lane up to the point of closure.

The alternative route is via St Dunstan's Street and Station Road West.

MOLEHILL ROAD, CHESTFIELD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Molehill Road, Chestfield, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Thornden Wood Road, Greenhill Road, A2990 Thanet Way and Chestfield Road.

WESTBROOK LANE, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of trial excavations in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Westbrook Lane, Herne Bay, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 3 nights, between 6.00 pm and 6.00 am.

The road will be closed between the junction with Sea Street and the entrance to the Recycling Centre.

There is no alternative route, but pedestrian access will be maintained

There is no alternative route.

HIGHWAYS-DARTFORD AREA

CANADA FARM ROAD, DARTFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works involving Replacing overhead lines , Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Canada Farm, Dartford, on or after 24 September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Main Road and Rabits Road.

The alternative route is via Green street Green Road, Gills Road, Homesdale Hill, Shrubbery Road and Rabbits Road.

HIGHWAYS - DOVER AREA

ALBERT ROAD LEVEL CROSSING, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance and re-railing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Albert Road Level Crossing, Deal, on or after 29 September 2012, as shown below.

Albert Road, Deal will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing.

The planned closure times are from Saturday 29 September at 0.30 am until Sunday 30 September at 5.00 am.

The alternative route is via Albert Road, A258 Queen Street, Broad Street, Beach Street, King Street, High Street and Ark Lane

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COMMON LANE & VALLEY ROAD, RIVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repair works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Common Lane & Valley Road, River, on or after 12 September 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

COMMON LANE, RIVER will be closed from 12 September 2012 for up to 3 days

The closure is from the junction with Lower Road to and including the junction with Valley Road

The alternative routes are

Southbound via Lower Road, Valley Road, Byllan Road and Lewisham Road

Northbound via Lewisham Road, Minnis Lane and Lower Rd

VALLEY ROAD, RIVER will be closed in 2 phases, as follows

Phase 1 - Between the junctions with Lower Road and Byllan Road, from 17 September for up to 2 days

The alternative routes are

Westbound via Lower Rd, Crabble Lane, Lewisham Road and Byllan Rd

Eastbound via Lewisham Road, Common Lane and Lower Road

Phase 2 - Between the junctions with Common Lane and Byllan Road from 19 September for up to 2 days

The alternative route is via Common Lane, Lewisham Road and Byllan Road

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ST JAMES STREET, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repair works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on St James Street, Dover, on or after 26 September 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Woolcomber Street and the White Horse Public House.

The alternative route is via A256 Woolcomber Street and A258 Castle Hill Road.

HIGHWAYS-GRAVESHAM AREA

NORWOOD LANE, MEOPHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of Essential carriageway patching and drainage works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Norwood Lane, Meopham, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with from Nursery Road to Wrotham Road.

The alternative route is via Wrotham Road, Green Lane, Camer Road and Norwood Lane.

HIGHWAYS- MAIDSTONE AREA

CHARLTON LANE, WEST FARLEIGH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of footway improvement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Charlton Lane, West Farleigh, on or after 24 September 2012 for up to 19 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from 'Sunhyll' to 'Elmscroft'.

The alternative route is via B2010 Lower Road, B2163 Ewell Lane, Charlton Lane.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

CHART HILL ROAD CHART SUTTON MAIDSTONE

(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

Because Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chart Hill Road Chart Sutton, on or after 11 September 2012 for up to one day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed .

There will be no access for through traffic opposite Hill Veiw Cottage.

The alternative route is via Green lane, Forsham lane A274 Headcorn Road A274 North Street and Warmlake Road

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A229 CHATHAM ROAD, BOXLEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of maintenance works to a motorway bridge, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A229 Chatham Road, northbound slip, Boxley, on or after 24 September 2012 for up to 7 week nights or until the works have been completed.

The A229 Chatham Road northbound slip between The Running Horse roundabout and Cobtree Roundabout will be closed.

The alternative route is coast bound motorway traffic via M20 to junction 5 London bound and northbound non-motorway traffic via A229 Royal Engineers roundabout and return.

SEED ROAD, OTTERDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Seed Road, Otterden, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 15 days or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic from Rhode Farm to Rhode Fruit Farm.

The alternative route is via Slade Road, Lady Margaret Manor Road, Frangbury.

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(VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Thursday 27th September 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name:	Couchman Green Lane, Staplehurst
Extent:	A229 Maidstone Road to Sweetlands Lane
Dates:	Start: 27th September 2012 End: 28th September 2012
Diversion:	A229 Maidstone Road/Station Road, Headcorn Road, Pile Lane
Road Name:	Church Hill, Boughton Monchelsea
Extent:	Butt Green Lane to Stable Cottage
Dates:	Start: 28th September 2012 End: 29th September 2012
Diversion:	Butt Green Lane, Loddington Lane, B2163 Heath Road
Road Name:	Hospital Road, Hollingbourne
Extent:	A20 Ashford Road to Greenway Court Road
Dates:	Start: 30th September 2012 End: 30th September 2012
Diversion:	A20 Ashford Road, Eyhorne Street, Greenway Court Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate footway improvement works to be undertaken by KCC Highways. For further information or comment please call Colin Garnham on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS-MAIDSTONE AND TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

CHATHAM ROAD AND ROYAL ENGINEERS ROAD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the refreshing of road markings and replacement of reflective road studs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chatham Road and Royal Engineers Road, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 5 nights between 21.00 and 05.00 or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from southbound off-slip to Cobtree roundabout, southbound slip to Running Horse Roundabout and Southbound on-slip to Royal Engineers Road

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with the southbound off-slip to Cobtree roundabout and the Southbound on-slip to Royal Engineers Road.

The alternative route is via Southbound off-slip to Cobtree Roundabout, Southbound slip to Running Horse roundabout, Southbound on-slip to Royal Engineers Road.

Also a 10mph speed restriction will be in place southbound lanes only from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Boundary with Medway to Southbound off-Slip to Cobtree Roundabout.

HIGHWAYS-SEVENOAKS AREA

BITCHETT GREEN ROAD, SEAL, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

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Because of a connection to a main sewer inspection chamber in the highway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bitchett Green Road, Seal, Sevenoaks, on or after 24th September 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Stone Street Road and Pond Lane.

The alternative route is via: Stone Street Road and Pond Lane.

CROWHURST LANE, WEST KINGSDOWN
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of installation of new kerb lines, footpaths and resurfacing of road to new housing development, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crowhurst Lane, West Kingsdown, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction of Forge Lane and Billett Hill.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Junction of Forge Lane to the junction of Billett Hill .

The alternative route is via: Forge Lane, A20 London Road, Fawkham Road, Brands Hatch Road, Fawkham Green Road.

HIGHWAYS-SHEPWAY AREA

DOUGLAS AVENUE, HYTHE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Douglas Avenue, Hythe, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with the A259 Prospect Road.

The alternative route is via A259 Prospect Road and High Street.

The Order prohibiting driving along High Street, Hythe between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm will be suspended, whilst Douglas Avenue is closed.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Douglas Avenue will be temporarily suspended to allow access up to and from the point of closure.

HIGHWAYS-THANET AREA

CHANDOS ROAD, BROADSTAIRS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of electricity cabling works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chandos Road, Broadstairs, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Oscar Road.

The alternative route is via Oscar Road, Victoria Parade and Chandos Square.

HIGHWAYS-TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(A26 QUARRY HILL ROAD, TONBRIDGE)
(PROHIBITION OF NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC & RIGHT TURNS)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic (including cycles) and prohibiting right turns on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Sunday 30th September 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name:	A26 Quarry Hill Road
Extent:	A21 Viaduct
Dates:	Start: 21:00hrs 30th September 2012 End: 05:00hrs 1st October 2012
Diversion:	A21 London bound, U turn at Morley's Interchange, A21 Hastings bound, second exit at Vauxhall Roundabout, A2014 Pembury Road, A26 Quarry Hill Road
Road Name:	A26 Quarry Hill Road
Extent:	Prohibit right turn towards Tonbridge from southbound direction
Dates:	Start: 30th September 2012 End: 16th October 2012
Diversion:	A21 Hastings bound, second exit at Vauxhall Roundabout, A2014 Pembury Road, A26 Quarry Hill Road
Road Name:	A26 Quarry Hill Road
Extent:	A21 Viaduct
Dates:	Start: 21:00hrs 7h October 2012 End: 05:00hrs 8th October 2012
Diversion:	A21 London bound, U turn at Morley's Interchange, A21 Hastings bound, second exit at Vauxhall Roundabout, A2014 Pembury Road, A26 Quarry Hill Road
Road Name:	A26 Quarry Hill Road
Extent:	A21 Viaduct
Dates:	Start: 21:00hrs 8h October 2012 End: 05:00hrs 16th October 2012
Diversion:	A21 London bound, U turn at Morley's Interchange, A21 Hastings bound, second exit at Vauxhall Roundabout, A2014 Pembury Road, A26 Quarry Hill Road
Road Name:	A26 Quarry Hill Road
Extent:	Prohibit right turn into Quarry Hill Road from northbound direction
Dates:	Start: 22nd October 2012 End: 16th November 2012
Diversion:	A26 Quarry Hill Road

Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald for the Highways Agency apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for parapet replacement and refurbishment on the viaduct. For further information or comment please call Nithiy Myuran on 0203 4332128.

SWANTON ROAD, MEREWORTH/WEST PECKHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT cabling works for a new connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Swanton Road, Mereworth/West Peckham, on or after 24 September 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed its entire length.

The alternative route is via Stan Lane, Mereworth Road, B2016 Seven Mile Lane.

HIGHWAYS -TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA

ASHURST HILL, ASHURST
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of a railway bridge examination, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ashurst Hill, Ashurst, on or after 28 September 2012 for up to 1 night between 22:00hrs and 06:00hrs or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via A264 Ashurst Road, B2110 Groombridge Hill, B2110 Withyham Road, B2026 Edenbridge Road, A264 Ashurst Road.

FOXHOLE LANE, BRENCHLEY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to replace a telegraph pole, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Foxhole Lane, Brenchley, on or after 24 September 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Bramble Reed Lane to outside "Chestnut Cottage".

The alternative route is via Chestnut Lane, B2160 Maidstone Road, Bramble Reed Lane.

HINKSDEN ROAD, BENENDEN
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway micro resurfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hinksden Road, Benenden, on or after 25 September 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Coldharbour Road to Foxhole Lane.

The alternative route is via Coldharbour Road, Mill Street, Sponden Lane, Field Green.

ROSEMARY LANE, GOUDHURST
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage improvement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rosemary Lane, Goudhurst, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic from A21 London Road to the East Sussex border.

The alternative route is via B2087 High Street Flimwell, A21 London Road.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ **Dated 9th September 2012**

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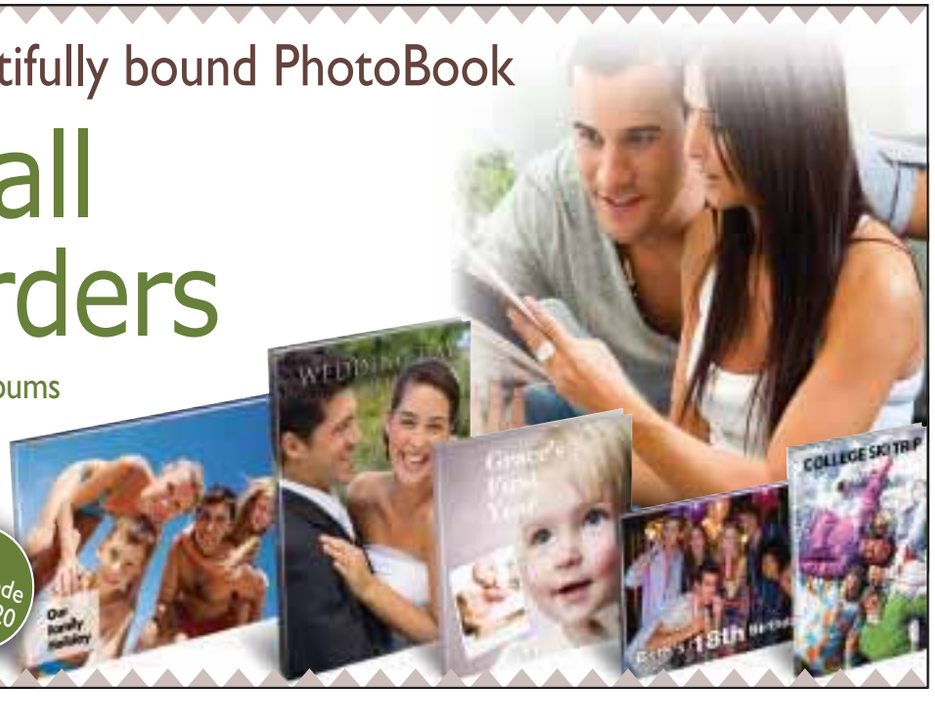
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PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF A PUBLIC PATH CREATION AGREEMENT
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 25

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

DEDICATION OF A PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY AT LEYSDOWN PUBLIC PATH CREATION AGREEMENT RELATING TO LAND AT LEYSDOWN, ISLE OF SHEPPEY

The above named Agreement, made on 24 February 2012 under Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980, has been made by the Kent County Council. The effect of the Agreement is to upgrade to bridleway status:-

A 3.0 metre wide strip of part of the length of Public Footpath ZS52 which commences at its connection with Public Bridleway ZS45 at NGR TR 0424 6938 (Point A) and runs in a northerly direction for 64 metres to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath ZS52 at NGR TR 0425 6944 (Point B). This 3.0 metre wide strip will be re-numbered ZS52A.

A 3.0 metre wide strip of Public Footpath ZS53 which commences at its connection with Public Footpath ZS52 at NGR TR 0425 6944 (Point B) and runs in an easterly direction for 127 metres to its connection with Shellness Road (U18774) at NGR TR 0437 6946 (Point C). This 3.0 metre wide strip will be re-numbered ZS52A.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Public Path Creation Agreement and accompanying plan have been placed and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of the Kent County Council's Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies may also be purchased there.

Under Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980, there is no right of an objection and the Agreement has taken immediate effect.

For further information please contact
Colin Finch - 01622 221568

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF THANET

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH TE3 IN THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS AT WADE

PUBLIC FOOTPATH TE3 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14 (1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath TE3 between the junction with Public Footpath TE1A (NGR TR 265 668) and the A299 Thanet Way from the 24th September 2012

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before November 2012.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Louise Adams

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE & MALLING

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR473 IN THE PARISH OF AYLESFORD

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR473 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath MR473, between the junction with Public Footpath MR473A/KH36 (NGR TQ 741 585) and Lock Lane, Aylesford from the 24th September 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 24th November 2012.

The path is to be closed to install storm drains between the Travis Perkins site and the River Medway and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact:
Michele Snoding

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Dated: 9th September 2012

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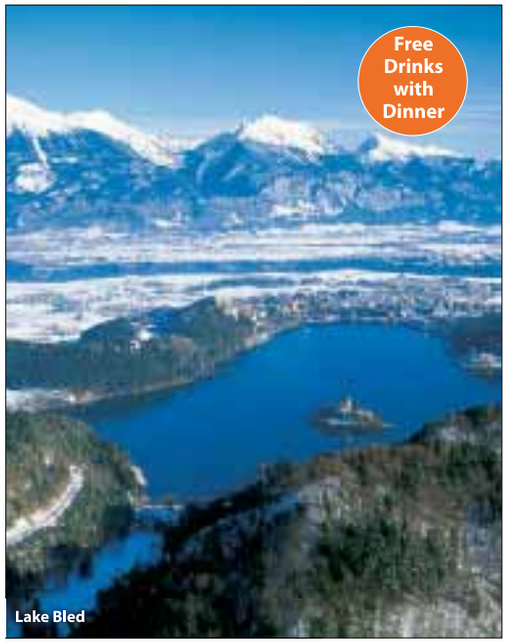
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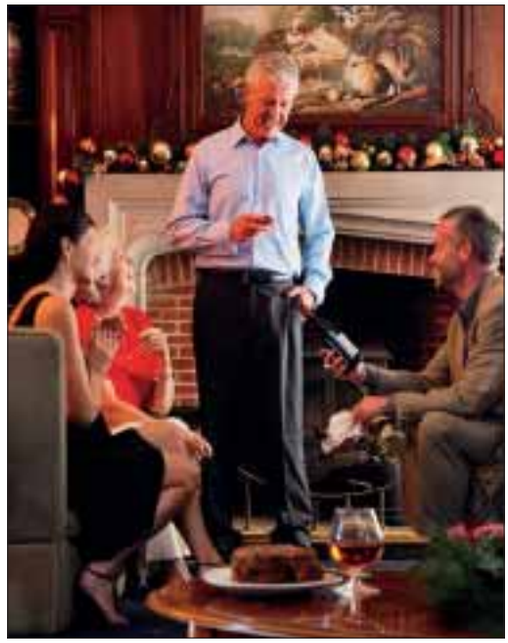
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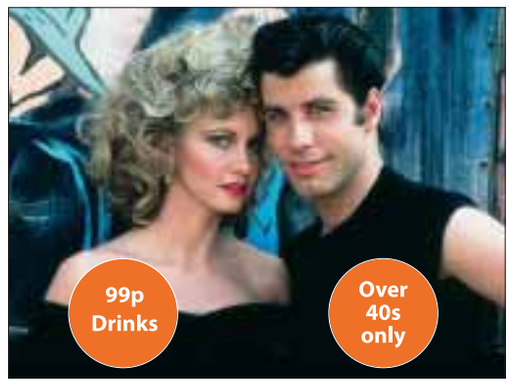
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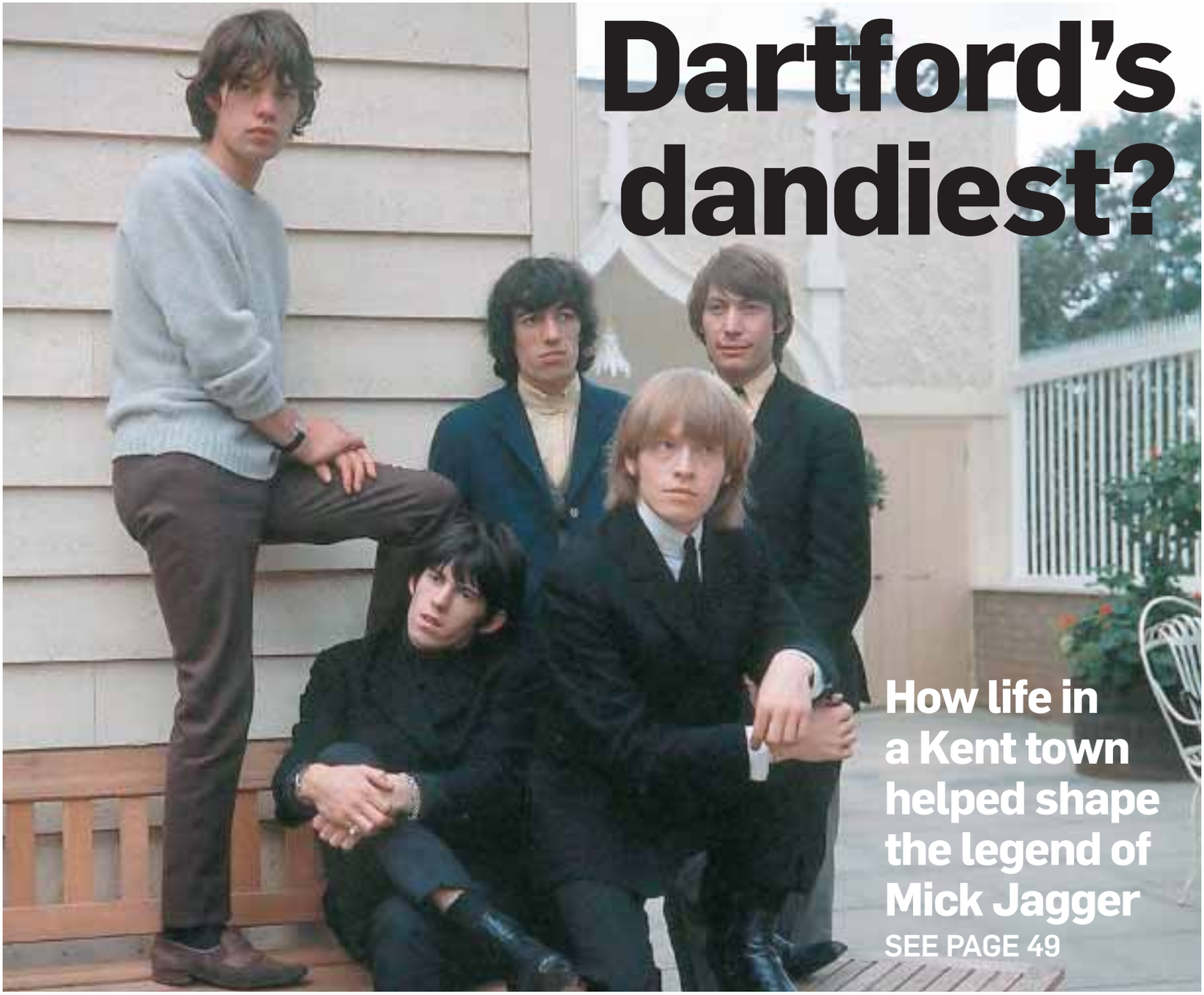


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THE INTERVIEW

Christopher Andersen

The creation of a Rolling Stone

Nick Ames discovers how Mick Jagger's formative years in Kent played a critical part in the making of the legendary frontman

FOR 50 years, Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger has rocked hard both on and off the stage – and the band are set for a series of sell-out dates later this year, proving their massive longevity.

Now the personal life of the musical icon is the subject of a controversial new biography from author Christopher Andersen.

From bedding David Bowie to losing his virginity to a "nymphomaniac Italian nurse" while working as an orderly in a mental hospital, Dartford-born Jagger's past is on full display in Christopher Andersen's book, Mick: The Wild Life And Mad Genius Of Jagger.

The book also details how an accident at school helped shape his singing career.

"Many of Mick's peers have self-destructed, but he's still here and more relevant than ever," Andersen told me.

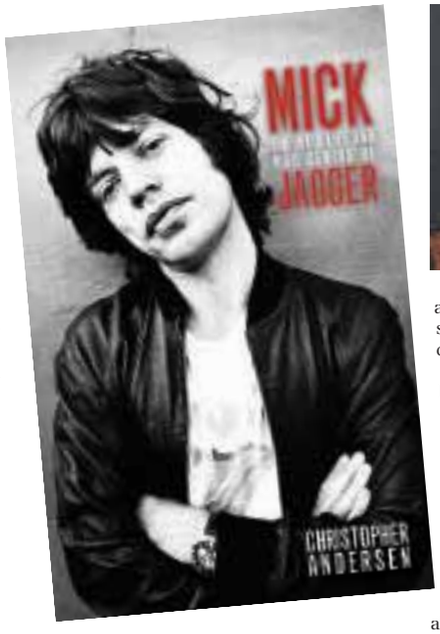
Speaking from New York, he revealed how he had researched the singer's Kentish roots: "I've written more than 20 books on figures like Mick and discovered that most of the people whose lives they've touched are eager to share their memories. It's a way of staking their own small claim on a piece of history. Those who knew Michael Philip Jagger during his formative years were no different.

"When I actually began working on the book several years ago, there were plenty of local people – Mick's parents and family members, neighbours, teachers, classmates, team-mates, girlfriends and so on – who were more than willing to share what they knew about Mick's early years growing up in Dartford.

"After spending some time in his home town, I think I walked away with a keen sense of what went into the making of this man who has had such an enormous impact on modern culture.

"Mick owes everything – his musical genius and creativity, and the unparalleled success that went with it – to his parents and the suburban environment he grew up in. He was totally shaped by his childhood in postwar Britain, as an artist and as a man. 'My mum is very working class,' Mick once said, 'and my father is bourgeois... so I come from somewhere in between. Neither one thing or the other'.

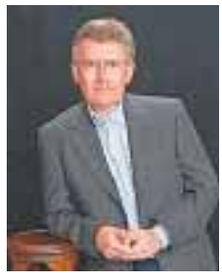
"It was from his mum Eva, an Australian-born Avon lady who struggled to maintain



appearances, that Mick got his love of American music – at first the big-band music of Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller, and later jazz and the blues.

"Joe Jagger, a physical-education professor, instilled in Mick an abiding sense of self-discipline by putting him through gruelling exercise drills every morning. Much was expected of Mick. As a result, he was the perfect student in school. All that changed, of course, when he got to high school and realised he could earn the respect of his peers not by trying to please his teachers but by disobeying them.

"He remained an excellent student, of course, but he also flouted what was then a strict code at Dartford Grammar by wearing tight jeans



EARLY YEARS: Christopher Andersen's book tells how Mick Jagger's life growing up in Dartford was a key part in his development as a musical icon

and began arguing with his teachers. There are so many small and yet pivotal events that occurred during those years.

"Most people don't know that when he was 17 he was captain of Dartford Grammar's basketball team. During one game, he bumped into another player and accidentally bit off the tip of his own tongue, swallowing it.

"His friends told me the accident changed the way he spoke, taking a bit of the polish off – and more importantly, the way he sang. He sounded grittier, more hard-edged – the Mick we listen to today. That one incident changed the course of music, in a way.

"Keep in mind that we're not talking just about Mick. Keith [Richards] was born just five months after Mick in Dartford's Livingstone Hospital and was also shaped by his childhood there, although on the wrong side of the tracks.

"They first met aged seven, went in different directions and famously rekindled their relationship 11 years later when they bumped into each other at Dartford train station on the way to their respective schools – Keith to Sidcup Art College and Mick to the London School of Economics."

Andersen's research enabled him to get to grips with Jagger's complex personality, at least to a degree: "People throw around the words 'icon' and 'unique' a lot, and most celebrities are neither. But Mick is the real deal – an original, a force of nature, someone who really defies definition other than to ask the question: Can you imagine our cultural landscape without Mick Jagger in it?

"Mick is such a tangle of contradictions: the self-styled street tough with the refined tastes of an English gentleman, the world-class hedonist who possesses enormous self-discipline, the dabbler in bisexuality and androgyny with boundless heterosexual appetites, the knight of the realm who for more than half a century in the spotlight gloried in being rock's most outrageous, rule-smashing hell-raiser."

Richards is just as much a part of the Stones as Jagger, and the favourite of many fans.

Andersen defined their relationship: "All the women in Mick's life told me that none of them could compete with the love Mick and Keith have for one another. They have a 50-year-long marriage – a rocky, stormy, complicated marriage, but a marriage nonetheless.

"The Stones are the greatest band in the history of rock and roll. Mick and Keith are also one of the most important songwriting teams in history. In addition to all the Grammys and being in the Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame, they have also been inducted into the Songwriters Hall Of Fame alongside the likes of the Gershwins, Cole Porter and Irving Berlin.

"But Mick transcends even that, because he's more than a great songwriter and a mesmerising performer. He is one of those larger-than-life figures in the pop-culture pantheon with Elvis and Marilyn Monroe. Only he didn't have to die young to get there... clever guy."

And how did the knighthood change the one-time bad boy of rock?

"Not as much as the deaths of his parents. That really shook him up, made him think more about mortality and his legacy.

"He's finally in what seems to be a stable relationship with a woman who understands him – American designer L'Wren Scott. Like so many stars who've lived undeniably wild lives, Mick would probably rather have people forget all that and think of him as the pillar of the establishment he is today: Sir Michael Jagger."



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Traditional English beats the Italian and all the rest of 'em

RESTAURANT **REVIEW**

A long walk is one of the best preparations for a decent meal, and, setting off from Walpole Bay in Cliftonville on my way along the coast to Broadstairs, it wasn't long before my thoughts turned to food. My friend and I discussed the options as we devoured the yards on one of the best walks anywhere in south-east England.

She had been brought up in Thanet, and one of the many places she had called home in her early years was Broadstairs itself. And so it was that I was told of a great array of places to dine and all sorts of cuisine. Italian, French, Chinese, Thai, Spanish... the list went on and on.

And when we arrived, I really was struck by the range of restaurants, cafés, bars and so on available in what is quite a small town.

Our first thought was pizza or pasta – so Italian it was. However, our choice wasn't a success. The place was pretty busy, but quite a few tables were free. However, when we said that we hadn't booked we were told there was no place for us.

"Sod that!" said my companion, a professor of English and philosophy...

In truth, neither of us were really bothered, primarily because we had already seen somewhere that looked interesting.



Aqua 43 is a small eatery, somewhere between a café and a restaurant and serving traditional English dishes. No pretence, no booking necessary... just the basics of good food, enough variety when it comes to choosing a drink and a warm welcome.

A family-run restaurant since 1972, Aqua 43 is known for its use of local produce. Fish is freshly caught, meat comes from local farms, and it even has its own hens to provide the eggs.

I bought a Peroni beer, which was served at the proper (cold) temperature, and we also ordered a bottle of red Merlot.

With our Italian friends down the road still in mind, we discovered that such a wine should have a nuance of black cherries, a faint herbal bouquet and even a hint of chocolate. I am sure it did, as both of us pronounced it delicious as we ordered our food.

We needed something substantial after our walk, so it was meat all the way. Porkburger with cheese was my choice, along with a portion of chips, while my companion's was an equally no-nonsense lambburger.

Coffee followed, along with a sticky sponge pudding with custard that we both tackled and just about managed to finish.

As someone who exists largely on take-away Chinese and office biscuits, I was surprised how much I enjoyed what was a rare choice for me.

My companion felt the same and good old-fashioned home-cooking won the day – beating the likes of Thai, Chinese, French, Spanish and, most satisfyingly of all, Italian. A happy day, made even happier by the bill – two main courses, an excellent beer, a fine bottle of wine, coffee and dessert coming to just £35.20.

Nick Ames

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Ambrette manager is up for top gong

MARGATE restaurant-manager Tobias Barfoot has been named in the last four of the UK Restaurant Manager Of The Year competition.

Barfoot, above, who is well known for his role at The Ambrette, has made it to the semi-finals being held at the luxurious Babylon eatery at Kensington Roof Gardens in London.

Now in its fourth year, the Academy Of Food And Wine Service is organising the competition to reward the UK's most talented restaurant managers, increase awareness of this vital role and raise the profile of the profession.

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Seeing stars
Play boasts a stellar cast

Orchard Theatre, Dartford
Mon to Sat, September 17-22
01322 220000
www.orchardtheatre.co.uk

AN all-star cast will perform the Olivier Award-winning show The Rise And Fall Of Little Voice at The Orchard.

Starring Coronation Street's Beverley Callard, The X Factor's Ray Quinn and sitcom star Joe McGann, the show will bring tears and laughter.

The story, like the hit film, is set up north and follows the life of shy Little Voice, played by Jess Robinson, who spends most of her time immersed in her late father's record collection while perfecting her astonishing impersonations.

Encouraged by electrician Billy (Quinn) and the hapless talent scout Ray Say (McGann), Little Voice heads for stardom. Or does she? There are songs from divas such as Shirley Bassey and Judy Garland.

An orchestra you can join
Fiddles of fun

Deal Maritime Folk Festival
Fri to Sun, September 14-16
01304 370220
dealmaritimefolkfestival.org

THE 16th Deal Maritime Folk Festival promises to pack the town with music and dance.

The festival has been running in many guises since 1996 with its mission to showcase the varied traditions of folk and world music.

New in this year's list of events will be the Festival Folk Orchestra, a pop-up orchestra created over the weekend at two workshops – any musician of any ability and with any instrument will be welcome.

The orchestra will then be performing at the Astor's Sunday concert.

Headline acts during the weekend include BBC Radio Two folk-award-winner Brendan Power, fiddle sensations Nick Wyke and Becki Driscoll and a top folk songwriter in the shape of Ron Trueman-Border.



Introducing fip-fok
It's all go for CoCo

The Marlowe Studio, Canterbury
Friday, September 28
01227 787787
www.marlowetheatre.com

HOT new Kent band CoCo And The Butterfields will play The Marlowe Studio next month.

The special gig will celebrate the launch of their debut EP, which has already attracted interest from music critics and fans alike.

Band members Tom Twyman, Dulcima Showan, Jamie Smith, Micah Hyson and James Todd are pioneers of a new music genre: the crossover of hip-hop, folk and pop – or fip-fok.

Since meeting on the Canterbury busking circuit a year ago, the group have won national acclaim and won the UK Live And Unsigned competition, having performed to a sell-out audience at the O2 last month.

Dickens man Down Under
Mr Micawber

Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells
Friday, September 14
www.trinitytheatre.net

IN celebration of the Charles Dickens bicentennial, Katapult Productions is touring a play featuring one of the writer's most loved characters, Wilkins Micawber Esquire.

In a new show, ever-optimistic Mr Micawber bids farewell to his native setting alongside David Copperfield and takes his family to Australia, confident their lives will change for the better.

However, more than keen optimism is needed to survive in the new world that is Melbourne in 1855 as Micawber's life becomes shrouded in mystery.

Katapult, whose spoof Dick Barton Special Agent was a hit across the county, can be expected to put on another top show with Mr Micawber.









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Visual art
Performance and film

Horsebridge Centre, Whitstable
01843 596 194
www.whitstablebiennale.com

THE Whitstable Biennale continues its festival of contemporary visual art.

The show of ambitious and experimental new works in film and performance will run until Sunday, September 16.

Packed with live performances, screenings, exhibitions, talks and events, the Biennale presents three programmes across the three weekends of the festival, exploring the overlap between film and performance.

The programme includes performances at stages around the harbour area, which is also an open invitation for impromptu performances.

There will also be a series of events for youngsters, with Gareth Moore's set of short children's films created by international artists. For a full list of events, look online for times and locations.



Carry on camp
Julian Clary's stage return

Quarterhouse, Folkestone
Saturday, September 22
01303 858500
www.quarterhouse.co.uk

HE has been a TV presenter, stand-up comedian and now a Big Brother contestant, but Julian Clary will get back to his roots with a new live show at Folkestone this month.

After leaving the reality show, Clary will return to his home county of Kent with Position Vacant: Apply Within and he says he won't be leaving town empty-handed.

The master of camp is scouring the land in search of love, promising to leave "no straight unturned".

With questionnaires and games, the show is sure to entertain the Folkestone audience before it sets off across the UK.

The show is recommended for people aged 16 and over. Tickets are priced at £16.



The world of crafting
From textiles to bees

Hever Castle, near Edenbridge
Friday to Sunday, September 14-16
01732 865224
www.hevercastle.co.uk

HEVER Castle hosts the 2012 Country Life event celebrating the skills and traditions of a rich variety of talented craftspeople.

You can enjoy demonstrations of country crafts ranging from trug-making, wood-turning and wood-carving to ceramics and felt-making.

Spinners, weavers and dyers will explain how to produce textiles and you can get advice on how to keep hens and bees. To whet your appetite further, there will be a mouthwatering selection of food and drink to sample.

There will also be a display of patchwork quilts and wall-hangings by members of The Quilters' Guild as well as art, photography, lace-making and a portrait-painter.

Broadside!
Cavalier ready for gun duty

Historic Dockyard, Chatham
Saturday, September 15
01634 823800
www.thedockyard.co.uk

THE Historic Dockyard Chatham's very own Second World War destroyer HMS Cavalier will mark her own salute to the 40s by firing a broadside using all three of her 4.5-inch guns at midday on Saturday, September 15.

The shots will mark the first day of the annual Salute To The '40s event and will also be the first broadsides fired from an operational Royal Naval ship since HMS Zulu on her return home from overseas in 1984.

Three rounds will be fired from A, B and Y guns on board Cavalier by the Historic Naval Gun Crew, a group of re-enactor volunteers who have assisted in restoring the ship's guns and who will be bringing the ship to life over the weekend festival.







Return of the Chiefs

Kaiser bout that then!

Winter Gardens, Margate
Tuesday, February 26, 2013
Tickets on sale now
01843 292795/296111

INDIE group Kaiser Chiefs have confirmed that they will once again play in Kent.

Best known for songs like I Predict A Riot, Oh My Gosh and Ruby, the band will be heading to Margate as part of their UK tour for 2012-13, which has already seen them play Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall.

The tour follows the band's re-emergence this year with their new album, The Future Is Medieval.

This is another big band to confirm a show at the Thanet venue, following the sell-out Blur gig this summer and last month's announcement that Professor Green will play later this year.

Tickets are priced at £25.

A fairy, but not as you know it

Monstrous...

Old Town, Margate
07874 230005
www.margatemonstrosities.com
enquiries@margatemonstrosities.com

MARGATE'S fantastical Museum of Monstrosities has a stunning new exhibit.

The Bidadari Berbulu has a unique mix of physiological features, including the flying capabilities of a dragonfly and the sharp vision of a spider.

Originating in Malaysia, its name translates as Hairy Sprite... or you might know it as a fairy. But this is no Tinkerbell!

The bizarre exhibit joins such other oddities as a mermaid skeleton and a dragon's egg.

Forthcoming events include art-and-design tours and workshops for people looking to break into the world of film and theatre effects.

The museum is open from 11am-5pm until the end of September.





History focus

Get medieval for weekend

Bodiam Castle, near Tunbridge Wells
Saturday, September 8
01580 830196

SWAT up on your historical knowledge this weekend with a study day featuring the experts of Bodiam Castle.

On Saturday between 10am and 4pm, St Giles Church at Bodiam will host four guest lecturers speaking on the theme of medieval rural society.

Christopher Whittick will speak on manors and manorial custom in medieval times, while Dr Christopher Briggs will talk about medieval English peasants and the law.

Dr John Hare will speak on Battle Abbey, a medieval lord and his estates, while Lesley Boatwright is to talk medieval beliefs in miracles, including those attributed to Henry VI.

The event costs £40 per person and includes lunch.

Street fair

Join cavemen and Queen Vic

Addington Street, Ramsgate
Sunday, September 9
01843 582192
r.mortlock@lineone.net

QUEEN Victoria – or at least someone dressed to look very much like her – will be one of the star attractions at this year's Addington Street historical fair in Ramsgate.

The fair has been running for 25 years, but the holding of this year's event had looked unlikely until friends Carol Mortlock and Phyllis Leaney decided the show must go on.

Now visitors can look forward to street entertainers (including Punch and Judy), stalls hosted by anyone from cavemen to 1950s folk, face-painters and live music.

The area will be closed to traffic for the event, which runs from 10am to 4pm, when the raffle will be drawn.

The fair is being supported by Elephant Windows, while all money raised will be given to Kent Air Ambulance.

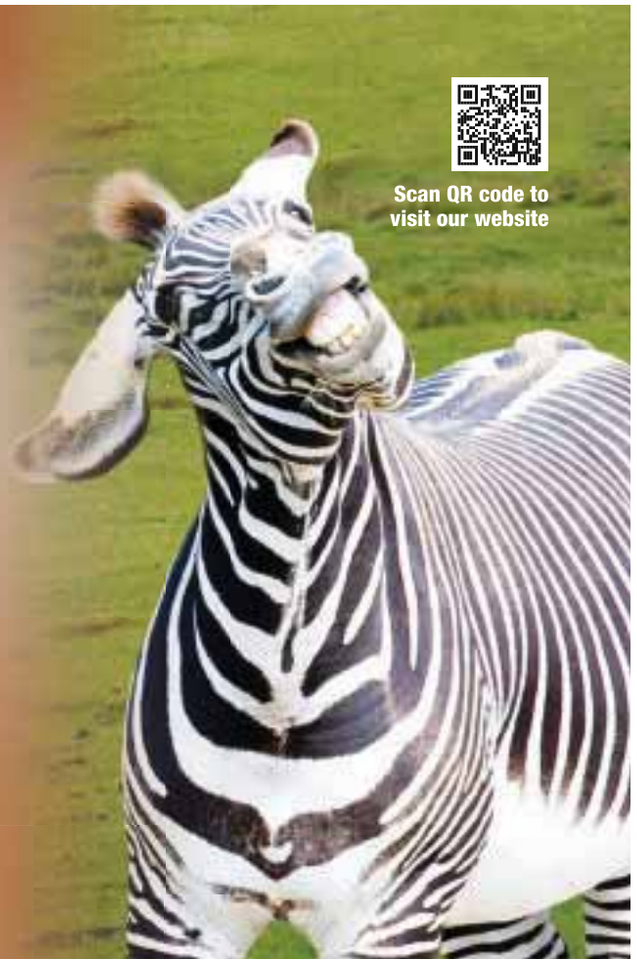
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Price increase reverses fortunes of the market

By Nick Ames
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THE average price of a UK home rose by a surprising 1.3 per cent in August, confounding gloomy predictions from market analysts.

It was the biggest monthly increase in two-and-a-half years, according to the figures from Nationwide building society.

The increase reversed the falls of the previous two months and was significantly higher than any other monthly hike since January 2010.

The lender described the increase as "a little surprising" but said it would be wrong to read too much into one month's data.

The three-month figure shows a 0.5 per cent drop in prices, while the annual figures showed a drop of 0.7 per cent.

The society's chief economist, Robert Gardner, said the figures "provide evidence that conditions remain fairly stable".

He said: "This may be explained by the surprising resilience evident in the UK labour market, with further increases in employment in recent months, even though the UK economy has remained in recession."

Nationwide's index is based on values when a mortgage is approved by the lender, which are then weighted to produce the price of what is considered to be a typical house. This is in contrast to Land Registry figures, which are based on sale prices.

Mr Gardner said monthly price changes had been influenced by a number of one-off factors in 2012, such as the end of the stamp-duty holiday for first-time buyers.



STEADYING: The August rise reverses the trend of the previous three months

He said: "These factors cannot be controlled by the usual process of seasonal adjustment."

While prices have been up and down throughout the year, they remain well below the level they reached before the property market was so drastically hit by the recession.

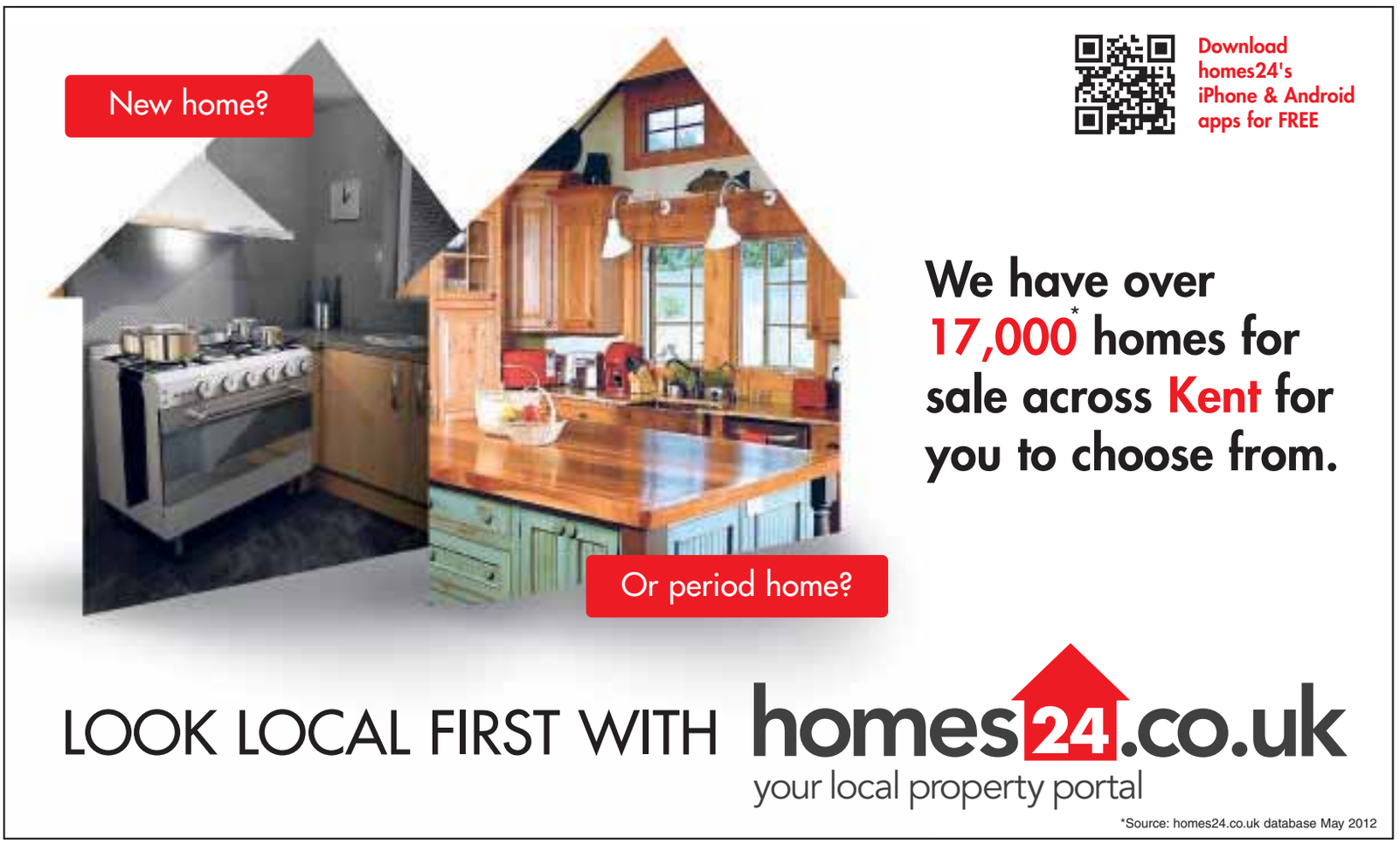
According to Nationwide's latest analysis market, the average price of a UK home stands at £164,729, still 11 per cent down on the peak price of £186,044 recorded in October 2007 – the year before the economic downturn became apparent.

Regional variations continue to have an effect on figures. The price of homes across Kent has not been hit as hard by the decline as elsewhere in Britain. London continues to be the most resilient and the North East and South West among the most hard hit.

Trends towards London workers opting to live outside the capital have boosted the value of Kent homes, with factors such as the high-speed rail link and improved communications by road to the north of the county and Sheppey adding to the attractiveness of the county's properties.

However, activity within the market is still an area of concern. It remains low, with the average number of mortgages approved each month running at below 50,000 – about half of the level seen between 2005 and 2007.

Nationwide says first-time buyers who are still entering the market are putting an average of 29 per cent of their take-home pay towards mortgage repayments, compared with 40 per cent before the financial crisis – showing an increased level of awareness that the jobs market is still insecure.



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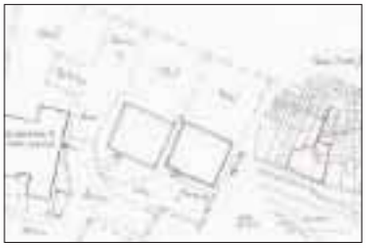
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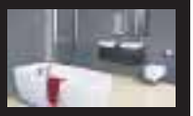
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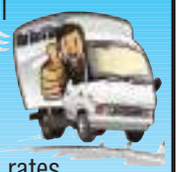


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Best rival: Audi A6 Avant

Mercedes-Benz shoots the estate class to new heights

HAVING created the trend for premium estates way back in 1978 with the legendary W123T, it's good to see Mercedes-Benz giving the type fresh impetus.

The newcomer, priced from £49,360, is based on the elegant CLS four-door coupé and has to be the coolest estate car on the market.

Not that you are allowed to call it an estate, which has always been viewed by the industry as a downmarket term; M-B has chosen to label this low-slung example as the CLS Shooting Brake, reviving a rather archaic word used in 19th-century Britain to describe a vehicle for carrying the posh to and from game-shooting.

Indeed, when the German marque launched its tailgated version of the W123 saloon, it simply added the letter 'T' to stand for touring and transport – the word 'estate' seemingly verboten. Of course, there is a price to be paid for the Shooting Brake's sensuous lines, so it is more a lifestyle estate – the type designed to suggest a sporting and country life rather than meet its needs.

So ultimate load capacity is not as good as M-B's classic load-lugger, the E-Class Estate, which offers a boot capacity of 695 litres with rear seats up and a cavernous 1,950 with them down. The Shooting Brake offers 590 and 1,550 respectively but does come with a powered tailgate, split/fold rear seats, self-levelling rear air suspension and, unlike its coupé sister, five seats.

And maybe that load space is not so challenged anyway when you check out key rivals to the E-Class, the BMW 5 Series Touring (560/1,670 litres) and Audi A6 Avant (565/1,680 litres).

Merc salespeople will no doubt argue that if you want a lifestyle wagon anyway, why worry about a few lost litres of space when you can have extra litres of style?

Turning now to litres of power, the new car is offered with two extremes in a range headed by the fairly silly V8 AMG version, which also enjoys its own label as the 'Sport Shooting Brake'.

Priced from £83,030, this narrowly escapes the maximum road tax bracket, but its 235g/km of CO_2 emissions will still cost you £460 a year and your environmentalist neighbours' sniffs of disdain, while you will also struggle to get anywhere near the official combined figure of 28mpg.

Most sales will involve the two real-world diesels, then: the entry model CLS 250 CDI BlueEfficiency producing 204bhp, with a combined fuel consumption of 53.3 mpg and CO_2 emissions of 139 g/km; and the CLS 350 CDI BlueEfficiency (from £53,000) with 265bhp, combined fuel consumption of 47.1 mpg, and 161 g/km CO_2. All versions have a seven-speed auto transmission as standard.

The new CLS Shooting Brake range is available to order now for November delivery.



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Get your Citigo in go-faster stripes

By Steve Loader
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THERE'S more to the new Skoda Citigo than meets the eye.

First off, for a cheap car – from £7,630 for the three-door version and £7,980 for the five-door – it ticks lots of boxes and will make many would-be car-buyers ask 'What more do I want?'. Secondly, it's a clone, with marginal differences from its sister models, the VW Up and Seat Mii.

Does this matter? Well, such 'badge engineering' didn't work well for British Leyland, but there is little profit in small cars so it's not hard to see why VW took this approach rather than build individual cars on a shared platform as it does with the Skoda Fabia, Seat Ibiza and VW Polo, for instance.

Besides, there is already a precedent on the market in the form of the Toyota Aygo/Citroën C1/Peugeot 107 clone, which the Citigo and its sisters upstage considerably.

As the cheapest of the three newcomers, though, the Citigo is least likely to suffer from the badge-engineering jibe, while the Up – excellent though the packaging is – might seem like an expensive badge-buying exercise.

Skoda has also come up with a great name for its new sixth-model line; Citigo describes exactly what this car is about, not that it isn't also capable of hitting the motorway.

Admittedly, there are big expanses of bare metal and cheap plastic, but it all looks like it will last, while the 1.0-litre three-cylinder engine is extremely flexible.

It's offered with a 60PS (59bhp) or 75PS (74bhp) output, but you would struggle to notice the difference in town, since low-down pulling power is roughly the same. Only when the 75PS stretches its little legs does extra power higher up the range become evident.

So if you can't afford the dearer 75PS models (from £9,860), don't worry too much; on the evidence of our 60PS mid-range SE spec car, the little engine revs well. Allied with a crisp gear-change and steering combination, the Citigo can be hustled around nicely.

The engine can be raucous – although that's part of the fun in cut-and-thrust traffic – but it settles surprisingly well on the motorway.

Low emissions means some versions are exempt from road tax, while most are zero in year one with £20/year thereafter. An average of 60+mpg is possible on all versions.

The big news is the enormous cabin; it's as much a masterpiece of cubic engineering as the original 1960s Mini, with excellent leg, head and elbow room for such a small car.

It has four seatbelts, but you wonder if Skoda and its sister brands have been too modest here since you could squeeze three in the back.

Nor is this room at the expense of boot space, which is phenomenal and a major embarrassment to the rival Aygo/107/C1 – specifying a spare wheel incurs very little penalty on space.

The dashboard is logical and stowage facilities are great; the centre console has a cup-holder with slotted flexible rubber lid to hold a smartphone angled towards the driver.

There is some evidence of cost-cutting such as the absence of passenger electric window operation from the driver's side. It might have been more sensible to mount both switches on the centre console as in the Fiat Panda.

However, the test car showed that for very little extra cash, the Citigo can be personalised and tricked out to look smart and even sporty. Ours wore black alloys and go-faster stripes – one broad, one nose to tail, and extra ones on the flanks. Come on, you have to go for those...

SKODA CITIGO SE 3-DR: PRICE £8,530



COOL: For a small car, the Citigo has certainly got a lot of get up and go with go-faster stripes and stylish black alloys

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Veloster Turbo – the real deal?

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HYUNDAI did not re-enter the coupé sector this year with quite the speed implied by the chosen car – the Veloster.

But the second stage is about to ignite: the beefier and more highly specified Veloster Turbo SE launches from Monday, September 24, at £21,995 – the standard car starts at £18,000.

The original's direct injection 138bhp 1.6-litre engine now has a turbocharger to raise output to a more racy 185bhp, and with a bit more low-down punch – just what the low-slung and distinctive Veloster needed. This allows a top speed of 133mph and acceleration from 0-62mph in 8.4 seconds.

The six-speed gearbox has wider gear ratios, and there's more for those drivers who liked the Veloster's looks but didn't think it could walk the talk; tweaked dampers make the car more taut and closer to British and European tastes.

Despite its sporting upsurge, though, the Turbo SE delivers not unreasonable CO_2 emissions of 157g/km and an official 40.9mpg on the combined cycle.

Hyundai reckons the new version can attack the likes of the VW Scirocco 1.4TSI and Astra GTC 1.6i 16v VVT Turbo – it also has an edge.

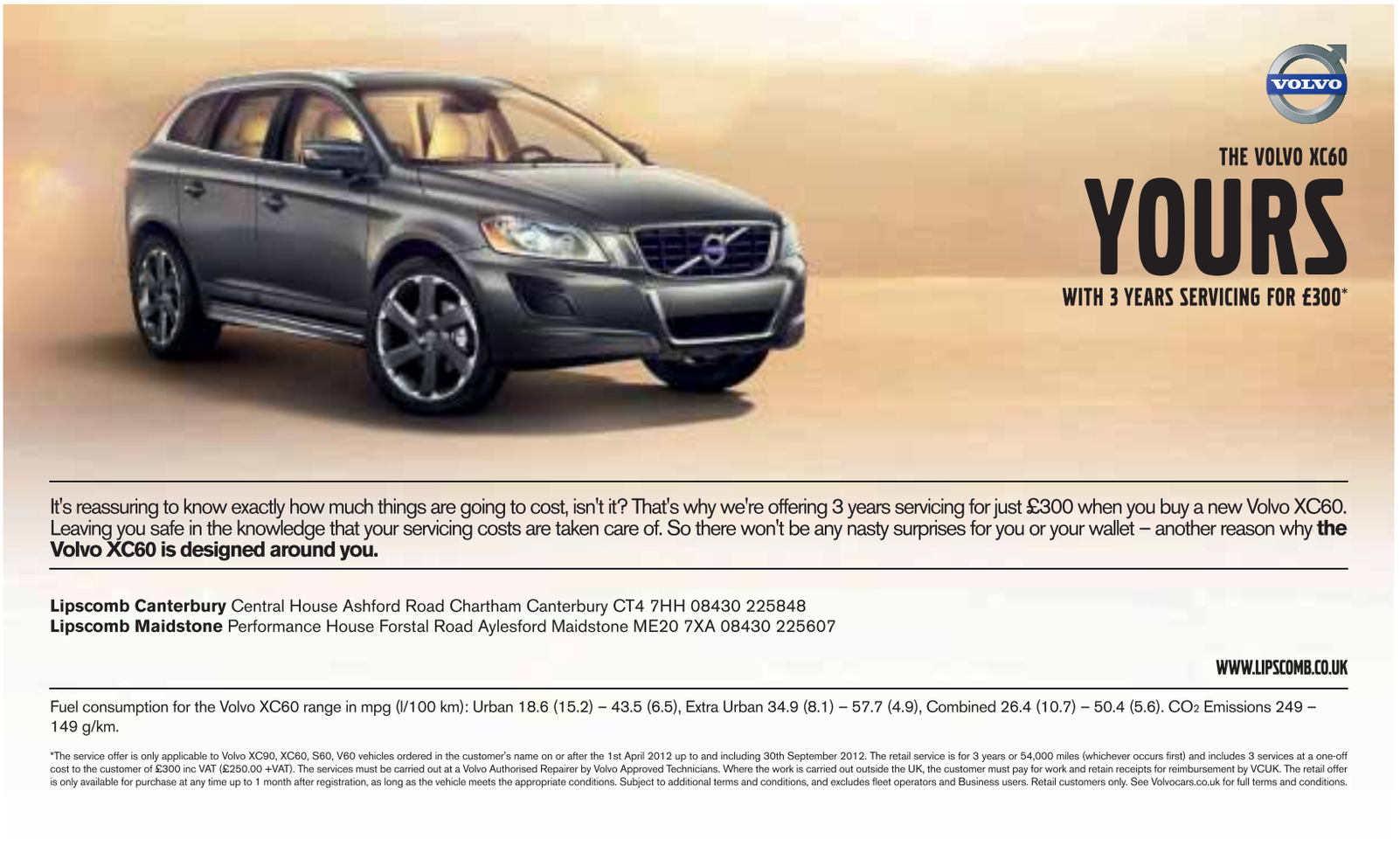
For the Turbo SE retains the standard car's unique door layout: two front doors plus a single rear door to allow easier access to the rear seats. Unlike the Mini Clubman (estate), which only has the third door on the offside for the UK, this rear door is fitted on the passenger side for this country but on the other side for left-hand-drive markets. This makes it a highly practical coupé for families with small children, but the Turbo SE also has also been beefed up visually to go with its enhanced performance.

The front bumper, radiator grille and front fog lights are new, while the rear benefits from a revised bumper, new fog-lamp design and round twin exhausts and diffuser.

A longer, wider rear spoiler with LED brake-light, 18-inch alloys and a red Turbo nameplate on the bootlid add to the sporting allure.

Inside, new leather seats with grey panels – also featuring 'Turbo' on the front ones – echo the extra exterior muscle.

Hyundai now has something to pick up and run with the baton dropped when it left the coupé market in 2009.



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WINNERS: Colbourne, Storey and Zanardi, above, raced at Brands Hatch

PARALYMPICS

Dreams come true for Paralympians as Kent gets a taste of Games

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THE excitement, the emotion, and the drama – it was all there.

Brands Hatch didn't fail to thrill and excite in four days of Paralympic road-cycling action this week at the sun-soaked track.

From Brit Sarah Storey taking her all-time Gold medal tally to double figures, to former racing driver Alex Zanardi holding his handbike aloft in celebration, it proved a truly inspirational event for those packed into the grandstand and spectators on the surrounding roads.

Italian Zanardi had previously been around the track in his days as a racing driver, twice finishing on the podium, but tragedy struck in 2001 when he lost both of his legs in a race in Germany. This week the 45-year-old picked up a gold in the H4 category time-trial, beating his competitor by 27 seconds.

"I worked very hard to get here," he said. "It was great to live such an experience at 45. This moment also brings a little bit of sadness for an adventure the last two years.

"When you are 20, you appreciate medals. When you are 40, you appreciate what you do every day. I enjoyed every day of training. I've had a magical adventure and this is a fantastic conclusion.

"With an engine pushing me, I didn't realise it was so hilly. It is very hard, but if I had to design a course, this is what I would have done.

"It is beautiful, hard, it suits my characteristics of an old man"

GB velodrome star Mark Colbourne, who was injured in a paragliding accident, claimed his third medal of the Games in the C1 Time Trial on Wednesday and was quick to praise the track.

"It's amazing," he said. "I know my coach wouldn't be very happy, but I'd like to go around here on a motorbike, to be honest with you – it would be great fun.

"If you look at the course, with my disability, with no hamstrings, no feet, no gluts [gluteus maximus] working – you put me on an 11 per cent hill, it's like someone's taken my batteries out. It does suit different disabilities – if your hamstrings are working, you're able to climb.

"I'm three and a half years post-operative now and they're still not firing – the gluts have almost disappeared.

"There's two sides of the coin for me, coming through my accident and having this dream – secondly, we lost my dad in February. It was a big loss for me and I feel I've done my mother proud, my daughter proud and ParalympicsGB very proud, and certainly Wales."

Sarah Storey became one of the most decorated Paralympians of all time on the same day by claiming her 10th medal. The 34-year-old from Manchester won two titles in the velodrome and added gold in the women's C5 16-kilometre time-trial.

Her Paralympic career began as a 14-year-old in Barcelona and she won five titles as a swimmer before a series of ear infections saw her turn her attentions to the bike.

Following two golds in 2008, including in the time-trial, Storey now has a hat-trick on home soil in her sixth Games and an equal number of cycling and swimming golds.

"I went into Beijing as a swimmer on a bike, almost a fish out of water. My body shape's changed a huge amount since then and now I'm firmly a cyclist," she said.

"To think I've done what I did in swimming, now on a bike, it's not sunk in at all. I'm not sure it ever will."

Picture: ADY KERRY



MEMORIES: Cook was a part of the T20 success

CRICKET

Youngsters help Kent's Cook into coaching career

SIMON Cook says he's sad to be leaving Kent but can look back with a lot of pride at what he's achieved in the last seven years.

The 35-year-old has decided to move on from the St Lawrence Ground after his contract came to an end.

Now the bowler is set to take up a career in coaching – something he has already been doing at the county with the help of his team-mates.

The former Middlesex paceman has passed his level 4 coaching award using young bowlers Matt Coles and Adam Ball as the subjects of his coursework for the last two and a half years, but coaching wasn't originally the aim.

"Coaching certainly wasn't one of the first things I thought about," he said. "It evolved from my time at Middlesex. I spent some time with the younger players and spoke to them and gave them some suggestions to help their game.

"That's the thing that's stuck with me: you can have a big impact on a younger player's game with a simple piece of advice that takes their game to the next level and helps them achieve their dream.

"I take a lot of enjoyment out of seeing the players I have worked with doing well.

"I will go away and do some coaching for the ICC or the ECB, maybe. I'm going to take a bit of time and see what happens."

Cook joined Kent in 2005 but began informal discussions a year earlier with the then Kent coach Paul Farbrace at a combined counties game with Middlesex and Kent playing Derbyshire.

"We ended up having a conversation on the boundary edge just talking about life and what was happening. We weren't really talking about contracts and it kind of went from there.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Kent. I live in Canterbury – I've bought a house here. I really like it because it's a family club and there's a family atmosphere around the town.

"I look back with a lot of pride at the fact we won the Twenty20 in 2007. We were the dominant team in one-day cricket, reaching many finals and really being the stand-out one-day side at that time."

He said he almost stayed under the terms of a new contract that would have seen him help the second side, while being available for the first team when needed, but it wasn't to be.

"That's sport, as they say. It's always sad to leave something that's been a good part of your life," he said. "I look back with fond memories of my time at Kent, but I also have to look forward."

He has been restricted to fewer first-team opportunities this season but has captained the second XI in recent months.

His 13-year first-class career has included 141 matches in which he has taken 342 wickets at an average of 32.14. He also scored 2,577 useful lower-order runs, including seven fifties.

FOOTBALL

Players must earn right to succeed, says Hythe boss

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THERE'S no time to sit and take stock at Hythe Town.

Scott Porter is keen to push his side further than their groundbreaking year last term – their first in the Ryman One South – when they finished an impressive eighth, while also clinching the Kent Senior Cup over Dartford.

Throw in a healthy FA Cup to the First Round proper the year before and it's no surprise the expectations are for more of the same or better, despite the club being a relative newcomer at this level.

"I drill it into the players each day that we need to better ourselves," said Porter, who's in his fifth year in charge. "Last year was a stepping stone, we can't sit back and look at what we have done.

"Last year was a massive learning curve. If you make mistakes you get punished at this level, whereas you don't in the Kent league."

He admitted it was important to remember the 1-0 win over Dartford in the cup final at the end of last season, but also to move on from it and push for their aim of the play-offs this season.

"When things like that happen you need to remember them, that was a great night, but we have got a lot of hard work to do," he said. "Everyone remembers that and they want to make it happen again, but they have got to earn that right.

"We have always built on the season before – we did it in my first season after coming third in the Kent League and then we won it the second year.



MEMORIES: The Kent Senior Cup win capped a memorable season but boss Scott Porter wants more

"We are going for the play-offs – the expectation is at the club and out of it. The people at the club are very hard-working, and very honest – we are all in it together, from the secretary to the chairman."

It's been a difficult start so far which has left Porter wanting more from his side.

"We've been up and down. We all know where we have under-achieved and we're all working hard to put it right," he said.

"It's so hard for a Kent side to get out of this league as there are so many derby matches."

FOOTBALL

Pulman wants to repay the Rams after a regretful exit

IAN Pulman has rejoined Ramsgate after cutting ties with Whitstable Town and admits he regrets leaving in the first place.

The 29-year-old striker only joined Justin Luchford's side in the summer, but after just a few weeks of the season he has re-joined Ramsgate.

He spent last season with Eastbourne Borough, and re-joined the Rams in mid-season, but opted to play for the Oystermen this term only to change his mind this week to start his third spell at Southwood.

He said: "Firstly, I would just like to say how happy I am to be back and can't wait to start scoring goals for Ramsgate again. I believe Tim, Darren and Steve are really building something here, getting a great squad together and really trying to push on. I can't wait to get going, and repay the chairman, fans, players and management for leaving in the first place, a decision I sincerely regret."

Whitstable manager Luchford said he knew conversations have been ongoing over the last week or two regarding the move.



Picture: IGOR KUPCO

GONE: Pulman has left Whitstable

"Although the official approach came in last Friday, I know that conversations have been ongoing for a week or two," he said.

"What it does do is highlight the fact that we are not a money making machine that goes beyond our means.

"We have to meet the club's philosophy of not spending beyond our means and we will continue to do that.

"We are not in a position to compete with some of the other clubs who have more resources than us I'm afraid."

CRICKET

Captain Steer looking to bounce back to top flight

CANTERBURY captain Paul Steer believes his side are capable of bouncing straight back following their relegation from the Premier Division.

Their stint in the county's top league lasted just one season, but Steer feels the club's players are all the more experienced for it.

And it's that experience he is counting on pushing them to promotion next term if the squad can stay together.

"When we go up again we will be far better equipped," he said.

He pointed to Sibton Park as the act to follow after they were crowned champions of Division One at the first attempt after relegation from the Premier Division.

"Sibton Park did it last year, and they've bounced straight back, they know how tough it will be," he said. "Every club that has gone up has had this period of adjustment, but it's all been a bit late for us. We didn't win a game until half way through the season. Generally teams that go up don't start very quickly and we fell into that trap. We are certainly all better players."

He is hoping that the team will stick together, but he knows some players may depart with financial rewards on offer in the top flight.

"By proving they can play at that level they have put themselves in the shop window," he said. "I would like to think we could retain the majority of our players to put us in a great position to bounce back."



Picture: IGOR KUPCO

DOWN: Slow start costs Canterbury

FOOTBALL



WINNER: Chris Smith signed for Swindon Town

Professional contract up for grabs for goalie who's blind in one eye

A GOALKEEPER from Canterbury who is blind in one eye has entered a national competition to win a professional contract.

Ryan Wilkins was born with a defect which leaves him unable to see out of his left eye, but it hasn't stopped him pursuing his love of football.

And now the 20-year-old harbours hopes of winning a contract with either Swindon Town or Leyton Orient in the Samsung Win a Pro Contract competition.

First he will have to make it through regional trials before going to the final part of the competition with the winner bagging a year-long contract at either of the League One clubs.

Last year's winner, Chris Smith, signed for Swindon Town in February and made his first team debut against Bradford in May showing there is still plenty of talent out there that professional clubs haven't picked up.

The Kent University student has been plying his trade for the last few years in the Herne Bay and Whitstable league.

"I play in goal which most people might think would be difficult for me, but I have never let it hold me back," he said.

"Despite being-partially sighted I have good depth perception and I have better reflexes on my left side.

"I have been told I am good goalie but I have never been given the chance to play at a high level.

"I would say my sense of touch has been heightened, I'm a musician as well and I came into that quite easily.

"Ironically 70 per cent of my saves are on my left side, I don't know if it makes sense, there might be a strange explanation for it.

"I have had to adapt my footwork around it, I'm a lot more mobile than other keepers because I have to keep adjusting to see what's on my left side. I turn my head a lot more, and keep my right foot forward."

He had trials for AFC Wimbledon when he was a youngster but was told his eyesight would hold him back.

"I was told they wouldn't allow me in on medical grounds," he said. "I was told it would be too much of a problem, that was a long time ago.

"I was gutted, but I have got better. Most people don't end up with a contract so I don't have a right to cry about it."

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